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BAND OF MOTHERS

Gold Star moms, families to be recognized during Monday's RockHounds game

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Denise Garza remembers her son shooting off bottle rockets each Fourth of July.

In retrospect, she said, smiling as she clutched his military dog tags that hang around her neck, she probably should have stopped him. But, she said Independence Day always seemed like his holiday.

Nearly six years after her son Damian was killed in Afghanistan, the Fourth of July is still the holiday on which she wants others to think of him — and all of the other children who made the ultimate sacrifice for America's freedom. She'll gather Monday at the Midland RockHounds game where she and other moms who have lost a son in Iraq or Afghanistan will honor the fallen heroes.

"Support 'em," Garza said. "We question why they're there sometimes. They're there because of you. They believe in protecting us."

With the recent death of Josue "Yoshi" Ibarra, Garza and other Gold Star moms said it's more important to recognize Monday as an day other than just a time for great sales, fireworks and barbecues.

"I really hope they reflect and know what our sons gave and sacrificed," said Leta Henson, whose

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Courtesy photo

GOLD STAR MOMS Leta Henson, Sylvia Macias and Denise Garza, all Gold Star moms, will be recognized during the RockHounds game on Monday.

HEAT AND HEALTH

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Nery Ornelas, from left, Ruben Rangel and Alvin Taylor sandwich insulation between two pieces of sheet metal on a roof in June at the Number 1 Wee Care Learning Center. Record-breaking high temperatures in June have required those who work outdoors to take precautions against heat-related illnesses.

Record-breaking June temps heighten safety problems

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

Record-breaking is often a cause for celebration. Such has not been the case for Midland residents, who endured the city's hottest month on the record books in June.

The average temperature for June was 88 degrees, up from the previous record of 87.2 degrees set in August 1964. Records for the National Weather Service in Midland/Odessa date back to 1930. Twenty-one days reached to or above 100 degrees in June, with nine

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TOP MONTHLY TEMPS
1930-2011

1.	June 2011	88.0
2.	August 1964	87.2
3.	July 1964	86.9
3.	July 1998	86.9
5.	July 2001	86.7
6.	June 1990	86.5
7.	June 1998	85.7
8.	August 1952	85.6
9.	June 1953	85.5
10.	July 2000	85.4
10.	August 1977	85.4

HOTTEST JUNES
1930-2011

1.	2011	88.0
2.	1990	86.5
3.	1998	85.7
4.	1953	85.5
5.	1994	84.5
6.	2008	84.4
7.	2010	84.1
8.	2001	83.8
9.	1964	83.5
10.	1948	83.2

Note: Average monthly temperature is 79.6

COMMON SIGNS OF HEAT STROKE

- An extremely high body temperature (above 103°F)
- Red, hot and dry skin (no sweating)
- Rapid, strong pulse
- Throbbing headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea

Source: Centers for Disease Control

Warren excited for upcoming MISD changes

■ Superintendent will oversee reconfiguration recommendations, new state tests.

Editor's Note: In the second of this two-part series, Superintendent Ryder Warren looks toward goals for the future of MISD.

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Looking ahead to grade reconfiguration as a way to improve academic achievement will be among the top goals as Superintendent Ryder Warren starts his second year with Midland Independent School District.

"Academic focus has got to be No. 1," Warren said.

With a new state assessment on the horizon, Warren said they are continuing to prepare for the transition. In the long run, he said he believes MISD's students will perform at higher levels both on standardized tests and in other academic endeavors if grade levels can be reconfigured to a more typical format.

"We have so many different transitions," he said.

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MRT file photo

LOOKING AHEAD MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren speaks to members of the Midland County republican Women's group earlier this year. Warren is looking forward for upcoming changes at MISD as he begins his second year.

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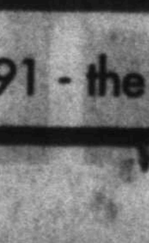

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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It's happening ... *this week*

Tuesday
■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's.
■ Porter's Farm Market, 4-7 p.m., 5401 S. County Road 1140. Web: www.portercommunityfarm.com

Friday
■ American Girl, 4 p.m., Barnes and Noble. Booksellers

Saturday
■ Midland Downtown Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 501 W Texas Ave., under the green.
■ Storytime, "Splish Splash, Dog Bash," 10:30 a.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers.
■ Children's event, "Adventures of Rusty and Ginger Fox" by special guest author Tim Ostermeyer, 10:30 a.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

Fourth of July events

■ 49th annual Children's Sidewalk Parade, 10 a.m. (registration 9 a.m.), Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Info: call Gayle Dodson, 682-3376.
■ Firecracker Fandango, 6 p.m.-midnight, W. 4th St. (downtown – main entrance is at 5th & Lee streets, Odessa). Admission: $10. Children 7 and under free with adult. $7 discount tickets available in advance at all Rosa's Cafes in Midland & Odessa.
■ The Midland Community Symphonic Band will present a July 4 concert at 7:15 p.m. Monday at the Allison Fine Arts Building on the Midland College campus. The music program will include marches, patriotic songs and show tunes. The event is open to the public.

Fireworks displays

■ After Midland RockHounds games today and Monday. RockHounds play at Citibank Ballpark.
■ Firecracker Fandango, 6 p.m.-midnight, W. 4th St. (downtown – main entrance is at 5th & Lee streets, Odessa). Admission: $10. Children 7 and under free with adult.

Meetings Schedule

City Council
9 a.m. Tuesday
300 North Loraine St., Basement Conference Room
Note: The council will meet to discuss the budget.

Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals
1:30 p.m. Tuesday
Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Planning and Zoning Commission
3:30 p.m. Tuesday
City Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

City Council
12:30 p.m. Thursday
Midland College Advanced Training Center, 3200 W. Cuthbert Ave.
Note: The council will meet for parliamentary procedures training

West Texas Real Estate Investment Association
7 p.m. Thursday
Atmos Community Room by the Midland Airport.
Visit WestTexasREI.com to RSVP

Library Open House
4 to 6 p.m. Friday
301 W. Missouri Ave.

Community Calendar

■ Midland County Public Library is hosting puff painting for teens 2-3:30 p.m. Thursday. Those attending should wear old clothes and bring an item to paint. Suggested items are T-shirts, canvas bags, pillow cases or anything that can be ironed when turned inside out.
For more information, call 688-4823.
■ The West Texas Iris Society is to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Community & Senior Services Center, 3301 Sinclair.
There will be a presentation on how to properly dig, divide and clean iris. For more information, call 697-0557.
■ The Celtic Heritage Society of the Permian Basin's annual hamburger social is 6 p.m. Saturday at the Barney Greathouse Activity building in Manor Park.
Reservation deadline is Monday. To RSVP, contact Doug Johnson at 689-9855 or djnj3306@sbcglobal.net. For directions, call Pam at 559-5155.
Persons attending may bring a side dish. Tea and water, buns and condiments will be provided.
■ Applications for hunting permits at O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Area will be accepted between July 15 and Aug. 15.
Only applications that are mailed in will be considered. For more information and application packs, call 432-267-6341 or write CRMWD, attn.: public hunting, PO Box 869, Big Spring 79721.
A drawing for the permits is planned for 1 p.m. Sept. 16 at reservoir field office, which is at the north end of the dam.
■ The South Texas Chapter of The ALS Association is sponsoring the Permian Basin Walk to Defeat ALS and 5K Run, "Because You Can," Aug. 13 at Crestview Baptist Church.
Registration begins at 8 a.m. The three-mile walk/run (and 1K Fun Run for kids) is to begin at 9 a.m. All funds raised will be donated to the ALS Association.
A kick-off party is planned for Aug. 12 at Citibank Ballpark. A picnic is planned for 6 p.m., followed by the RockHounds game at 7:05 p.m.
Persons who donate at least $25 to the ALS Association will receive a T-shirt. For more information, call Crestview Baptist Church at 681-8200 or visit http://web.alsa.org/Permian-Basin. Registration forms are available at Run This Way.

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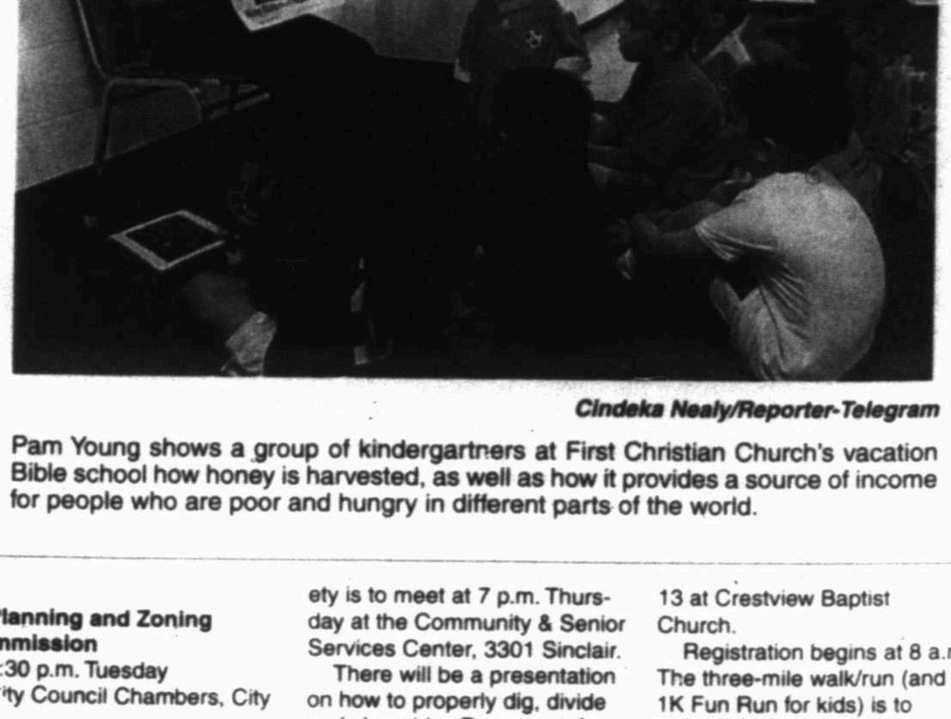

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Pam Young shows a group of kindergartners at First Christian Church's vacation Bible school how honey is harvested, as well as how it provides a source of income for people who are poor and hungry in different parts of the world.

Unemployment rankings

Midland tied for the ninth lowest unemployment rate in the nation during the month of May, according to numbers released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Bismarck, N.D.	2.9
Fargo, N.D.	3.5
Lincoln, Neb.	3.7
Grand Forks, N.D.	4.0
Iowa City, Iowa	4.2
Burlington, Vt.	4.2
Ames, Iowa	4.4
Portsmouth, N.H.	4.5
Omaha, Neb.	4.6
Sioux Falls, S.D.	4.6
Midland	**4.6**
Manchester, N.H.	4.8
Honolulu, Hawaii	4.9
Rochester, N.H.	4.9
Oklahoma City, Okla.	4.9
Rapid City, S.D.	4.9

Hotel report for April

April 2011
(Taxable receipts)
Midland: $3,761,809
Odessa: $3,979,189
Abilene: $2,889,104
Lubbock: $5,632,832
San Angelo: $1,888,096

Midland in April 2010:
$2,460,365

Midland in April 2009:
$2,796,685

Midland in April 2008:
$3,290,761

Top Midland hotels
(total receipts)

Hilton Midland Plaza	$618,322
Residence Inn	$401,918
Courtyard/ Marriott	$295,184
Hampton Inn/Suites	$242,933
Holiday Inn Express	$233,770
La Quinta (Wall)	$227,373
Plaza Inn	$207,795
Clarion Inn	$201,213
La Quinta (Loop 250)	$200,746
Fairfield Inn	$188,275
Comfort Inn	$179,696
Airport Plaza Inn	$177,821
Comfort Suites	$160,005
Sleep Inn	$153,629
Country Inn	$151,159
Value Place	$125,937
Studio 6	$113,555
Best Value Inn	$113,471
W. Texas Inn/Suites	$109,074

Also listed: HB Rentals $158,050

Top in Midland-Odessa

Hilton Midland Plaza	$618,322
MCM Fundome (O)	$568,012
MCM Elegante (O)	$447,119
Residence Inn	$401,918
Best Western (O)	$317,879

Midland: Month by Month

	2010	2011
Jan.	$2,118,346	$2,961,826
Feb.	$2,383,247	$3,308,509
March	$2,558,858	$3,984,864
April	$2,460,365	$3,761,809

Source: Texas Comptroller's website

National Night Out: Block captains appreciation party

The Midland Police Department is gearing up for the annual National Night Out with an appreciation party and training for block captains.
The event will take place from 6-8 p.m. July 21 at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
The event will help raise awareness about the upcoming National Night Out event scheduled for Aug. 2.
For more information or to register, call the Midland Police Department at 685-7582.

Today in history

Today is Sunday, July 3, the 184th day of 2011. There are 181 days left in the year.
On this date:
In 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Mass.
In 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania ended in a major victory for the North as Confederate troops retreated.
In 1898, the U.S. Navy defeated a Spanish fleet outside Santiago Bay in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.
In 1988, the USS Vincennes shot down an Iran Air jetliner over the Persian Gulf, killing all 290 people aboard.
Five years ago: Former Private Steven D. Green, formerly of Midland, was charged in federal court in Charlotte, N.C., with raping a 14-year-old Iraqi girl and killing her, her parents and sister. (Green was convicted of murder and rape, and was sentenced to five life terms.)
One year ago: President Barack Obama announced the awarding of nearly $2 billion for new solar plants.
Today's birthdays: Humorist Dave Barry is 64. Actress Betty Buckley is 64. Talk show host Montel Williams is 55. Actor Tom Cruise is 49. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is 40.
Source: Associated Press.

Water Wise Educational Program

A couple of Water Wise educational programs have been scheduled to assist homeowners deal with the current drought and to improve their irrigation management practices.
The first program will be held July 12 at the Sibley Nature Center. Registration will begin at 5:45 p.m. with the program starting at 6 p.m. Featured speakers for the program will be Dotty Woodson, Texas AgriLife Extension Service — Water Resource Specialist, David Chalmers, Texas AgriLife Extension Service — Turfgrass Specialist, and Burr Williams, executive director of the Sibley Nature Center.
Topics to be addressed include "Water Resources and Conservation in the Home Landscape", "Watering Turfgrass Correctly and Efficiently During This Drought", and "Native & Drought Resistant Plants of the Llano Estacado". The program is co-sponsored by Alldredge Gardens in Midland and is limited to 85 participants.
The second program will take place July 13 at the Commemorative Air Force Museum.
Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. with the program running from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Woodson will conduct a Landscape Water Conservation and Irrigation Efficiency Workshop. Woodson will focus on landscape design, plant selection, irrigation efficiency, system maintenance, and drip irrigation installation and conversion. A tour of the Water Wise Garden at the CAF will be included in the program. Due to limited seating, the program will be limited to 60 participants.
A registration fee of $15 will be charge for each program. To reserve a spot, pre-register at either the Midland or Ector County Extension offices. The Midland County Office number is 686-4700. The Ector County Office number is 498.4071.
For more information, contact Michael Clawson at m-clawson@tamu.edu or Zan Matthies at z-matthies@tamu.edu.

Source: Midland County Extension Office.

Richard Reese, MD
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Minnesota governor fights GOP's 'no new tax' stance

By Patrick Condon
Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Mark Dayton, the Democratic governor of Minnesota who let his state's government shutdown rather than accept the refusal of Republican lawmakers to raise income taxes on the wealthy, was born into money.

It made him sure of something: "I grew up in that environment. I know people can afford it."

Most of Minnesota state government stands idle this weekend, the result of Dayton's and the GOP-controlled state legislature's failure to pass a new budget by Friday's deadline. State parks and the Minnesota Zoo are closed, highway projects are stalled and thousands of government workers are at home without pay for the foreseeable future.

The battle over the state budget in Minnesota echoes those under way in Washington and in other state capitals, as Republicans still energized from gains in 2010 focus on cutting spending and refuse to consider tax increases of any kind. New GOP governors such as New Jersey's Chris Christie and Florida's Rick Scott have made deep cuts in state programs and employee benefits, while even some of Dayton's fellow Democratic governors, such as New York's Andrew Cuomo, have eschewed tax hikes amid a fragile economic recovery.

The soft-spoken Dayton refuses to cave to the GOP's stance that higher taxes are verboten. Since taking office, he has championed tax hikes on rich Minnesotans — or at least some form of new state revenue — as a necessary part of any solution to closing the state's $5 billion budget deficit.

"My father's favorite quote was from the Bible: 'Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required,'" Dayton told the Associated Press on Friday afternoon in his Capitol office. The front doors to the domed building were newly adorned with signs: "This building closed until further notice due to the state government service interruption."

Dayton's great-grandfather founded a Minneapolis-based dry goods store and along with family members built it into the department store chain that's now Target Corp. The Dayton family no longer controls the company, but it left Mark Dayton a wealthy man who's spent large chunks of his fortune on a quirky political career that took him to the U.S. Senate (he quit after one term) and now, at 64, to the state's top political office.

"I don't underestimate his resolve," said Doug Magnus, a Republican state senator and a farmer from the state's southwest corner. "Other people around the table, including the Republicans, have political things in mind. I believe the governor feels he has one term to do what he thinks is the right thing to do, and he's going to do it."

The political ideology underpinning Dayton's actions isn't limited to his experiences as a personally wealthy man. In Friday's interview, he described his years after graduating from college at Yale, which included a short time teaching in an inner-city school in New York City.

"All these kids in my classroom were just as wonderful creations as I, and through no choice of our own, I was born into this great good fortune and they were born into this abject poverty," Dayton said. "The injustice really seared my conscience."

Dayton said his political views are more sophisticated now, but protecting the downtrodden has remained a constant. He decried the spending cuts that would likely be necessary without more tax money in Minnesota: "We're going to cut home health care attendants for seniors? We're going to deny elderly widows the at-home services they rely on? All so that millionaires do not have to pay another dollar in taxes?" he asked.

NASA's Final 4: Fate grants them farewell flight

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — America's longest space-flying streak ends this week with the smallest crew in decades — three men and a woman who were in high school and college when the first space shuttle soared 30 years ago.

History will remember these final four as book-ending an era that began with two pilots who boldly took a shuttle for a two-day spin in 1981 without even a test flight. That adventure blasted space wide open for women, minorities, scientists, schoolteachers, politicians, even a prince.

On Friday aboard Atlantis, this last crew will make NASA's 135th and final shuttle flight. It will be years before the United States sends its own spacecraft up again.

Commander Christopher Ferguson, co-pilot Douglas Hurley, Rex Walheim and Sandra Magnus are delighting in their good luck.

"We're very honored to be in this position. There are many people who could be here," said Ferguson, a retired Navy captain. "When the dice fell, our names were facing up."

NASA managers were looking for space vets when they cobbled together this minimalist crew with seven spaceflights among them, to deliver one last shuttle load of supplies to the International Space Station.

They are an eloquent, colorful bunch in their 40s, accepting if not embracing the spotlight.

Ferguson is a drummer for an astronaut rock 'n' roll band. Hurley is nuts about NASCAR; his cousin is married to crew chief Greg Zipadelli. Walheim is a former shuttle flight controller; his graphic designer wife creates the mission patch every time he flies, always on Atlantis. Magnus is arguably the first out-of-this-world chef: She whipped up Christmas cookies and Super Bowl salsa aboard the space station in late 2008 and early 2009, using — as all good chefs — ingredients on hand.

They were originally recruited to be a rescue team. The idea was that back in May, if anything seriously damaged Endeavour during its final flight, Ferguson and his team would have rushed to the space station and brought those astronauts home.

If no rescue was needed, the original plan went, Ferguson's crew simply wouldn't fly. And Atlantis would be sent to a museum along with the two other retired shuttles.

But early this year, NASA decided to add one more flight. Since Atlantis was being groomed for a potential rescue anyway, NASA reasoned, why not make a cargo run with a year's worth of food and other provisions to keep the space station well-stocked.

That added a new wrinkle: What if Atlantis were damaged? There are no more shuttles to rescue them.

The only viable option is the Russian Soyuz spacecraft. The capsules can carry a maximum three people at a time, and at least one must be Russian. That's why Atlantis' crew was capped at four, instead of the usual six or seven.

It will be NASA's first four-person shuttle crew since 1983.

Ferguson and his short-handed crew know there's a chance — about 1-in-560 — that they could be stranded at the space station because of flight damage to Atlantis.

If that happens, it will take close to a year to get the last person home. Hurley, a Marine, drew the long straw.

The travel sequence is based on robotic-arm and spacewalking skills, as well as accumulated exposure to cosmic radiation. That last factor alone prevents Magnus, a former space station resident, from spending too long a time in space.

Hurley — who is married to astronaut Karen Nyberg and has a 1-year-old son — looks at the bright side.

"If it works out that way, I get a yearlong expedition for nine months of training, so that's a pretty good return on the investment," he said. He points to Magnus, a scientist whose specialty is in cathodes and radar, who trained four years for a mere four-month station stay.

Yearlong space missions are exceedingly rare; only three Russian cosmonauts have attempted it. The longest an American has spent in space, at a stretch, is seven months.

That's how far NASA's astronauts are willing to go, these days, for a shot at space.

Until private companies get piloted spacecraft flying — an estimated three to 10 years out — NASA will have to stick with the pricey Russian Soyuz to get U.S. astronauts to and from the space station.

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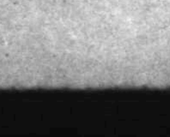

PROBLEMS WARREN HOPES TO TACKLE IN THE FUTURE

Ryder Warren, superintendent of MISD, almost has completed his first year in charge. Here are issues he hopes to address:

CAMPUS COMMUNICATION

Warren said the district's 37 campuses have, at times, acted like independent islands instead of one piece of a larger puzzle. Communicating his goals to campus principals will continue to be a priority, he said, adding he also wants to see additional progress in communication between campuses.

"Even in a district this size, there's got to be a philosophy," he said. "Even though I believe in campus autonomy, there's got to be some philosophy."

Warren meets with campus principals weekly and said they are meeting one-on-one this summer to go over goals.

FUTURE LEGISLATION

Now that the Texas Legislature recently adjourned, Warren said he'll spend at least part of the coming year preparing for the next session.

The school finance plan that passed included $4 billion in cuts statewide. Warren said MISD is prepared to handle cuts for the coming school year.

David Garcia, assistant superintendent for financial services, has said it's the next school year he's now looking out for. While they were glad to see lawmakers vote for $4 billion in cuts rather than the $7 billion once proposed, he's not done worrying. If the economy isn't as robust as predicted, some of the money promised for the 2012-13 school year may not be there, which he said could lead to additional cuts.

Warren said overall he will look to see what effect decisions in the past legislative session have had on the district so any issues can be brought up in the coming session.

One topic he'd like to see raised is the future of state testing. Although Warren said he believes the STAAR test is a better measure of academic performance, he still thinks students are subjected to too many tests.

"It's killing creativity and critical thinking. There will be 40 to 45 days of tests next year," he said. "That's something we've got to get fixed."

ACHIEVEMENT GAP

Warren said he wants to eliminate visible achievement gaps between the district's economically disadvantaged students and other students.

"We've got to make sure the program in place creates an environment where all kids have a chance to succeed," he said.

Coming into MISD, Warren said he was aware of the economic makeup of the district. But, he said he's been disappointed to see the clear difference in achievement between different economic levels.

He said they're working to ensure teachers are reaching students at every level. He added that he is continuing to encourage principals to be in classrooms frequently so those teachers who aren't performing don't return to the classroom.

The district also continues to work with and seek community partners that help it to meet children's needs beyond the classroom, such as a lack of food or proper clothing, that can impact a child's ability to learn.

"We have a lot of community support from others," he said.

TAKS SCORES

While the district still is waiting for final scores, Warren said MISD's TAKS ratings may be lower than they were in the previous year.

Because the Texas Projection Measure (TPM) was used last year to give kids credit for passing if they failed but still showed significant improvement and a potential to pass in the future, Warren said scores were higher last year. Overall, he said MISD will have improved its test scores. Because the TPM will not be used this year, ratings will drop.

If the TPM had not been used in 2010, Warren said he expects MISD would have had 10 academically unacceptable campuses rather than the three it reported. He said the district overall still would have been rated acceptable.

Warren said if the TPM was going to be eliminated, he wishes it wouldn't have been used from the start. He said the district will deal with the final ratings when they arrive, but whatever the ratings are, scores will show progress.

Travis Elementary, which has been rated unacceptable for three consecutive years, should receive an acceptable rating, he said.

STAAR

Warren said principals and teachers are at a seven on a 1-to-10 scale of comfort with the STAAR tests they expect to be implemented this coming school year.

By the time classes resume, he said the district is working to get all teachers to a comfort level of 10.

Overall, he said the test should be better than previous state exams because it will assess students on the curriculum teachers are teaching. In the past, he said some questions have been difficult to prepare for.

However, he said under STAAR tests, students who are achieving at the highest levels on TAKS tests will barely pass.

"We know this is going to be a much more rigorous exam than anything we've seen before," Warren said, speaking to a community group earlier in the year.

The assessment includes new exams for those in third through eighth grades and also 12 end-of-course tests students will have to pass to graduate from high school, according to the Texas Education Agency. Students starting the eighth grade will be the first group to take the end-of-course exams.

WARREN

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Warren already has begun to make changes; he started by putting early childhood classrooms on neighborhood elementary campuses. Ideally, he said he would like to see elementary campuses consist of early childhood through fifth grades, middle schools consist of sixth through eighth grades and high schools of ninth through 12th grades.

Presently, sixth-graders are on elementary campuses and ninth-graders on their own campuses.

To make the changes, Warren will require asking the community for permission because it will mean a bond to support construction on a scale Midland schools haven't seen in quite some time.

As a superintendent, he cannot lobby residents to vote for a bond proposal. But, Warren said MISD leaders will work with the school board and a committee of community members to formulate a proposal about what would best serve students going forward.

"It's time for us to start making decisions and really planning what the future is," he said.

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS? Robert E. Lee Freshman High School is one of the two freshman high schools that MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren said may be cut in the future.

When serving as superintendent at Marble Falls ISD, Warren said he reconfigured elementary school campuses and saw state scores improve almost immediately.

Because Texas' curriculum is bundled based on traditional campus configuration, Warren said it's better for students and teachers when grade levels can be organized in that same manner.

For example, he said sixth-grade teachers are using a curriculum that correlates directly with what students will learn in seventh and eighth grades. Because of the building setup in Midland, they're never talking to those seventh- and eighth-grade teachers. The same is true for ninth-grade teachers, he said.

Warren said the ability for communication between the appropriate grade-level teachers will become even more important in the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) era because the tests measure a student's present and future achievement.

"Let's do this to get more focus academically," he said.

In 2009, the district's Community and Strategic Planning Committee had recommended several changes that included everything from expanding Lee and Midland high schools to include ninth-graders and turning freshman schools into additional middle schools to building new elementary campuses. Warren said the committee met again in June and likely will reconvene this month to begin considering what to recommend, although he said no dollar amount or timeline has been decided.

School Board Trustee James Fuller said he fully supports continuing to move toward a bond sooner than later. He and other board members recently discussed the addition of a third high school that could be a magnet campus and said that option could help get rid of freshman schools without overcrowding Lee and Midland high schools.

"We are sort of the dinosaurs out here as it relates to still holding onto the freshman configuration," Fuller said.

Warren said in the immediate future, they are continuing to train teachers for STAAR tests. Most have been working toward the shift for the past few years, and Warren said they're aiming to reach a new level of rigor in the classroom.

"Teachers are going to have to change the way they provide instruction," he said.

Knowing some campuses were not at the top of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) rankings, Warren said he knows it may take a little while for campuses to reach high levels on STAAR exams. Eventually, the test should be a better measure of student learning because it's based on the curriculum being used in each classroom, he said.

"It's going to take awhile to get there," he said. "There's not a campus in this community that is not going to have a chance."

School Board President Jay Isaacs said during Warren's second year one thing the board will look for is his ability to continue working toward higher test scores and student achievement.

"He's going to be responsible for making sure that we are successful," Isaacs said. "We should not be content just to pass. We ought to be exceeding those expectations."

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HEAT

From 1A

record-breaking highs set. The second hottest June on record was recorded in 1990 with an average of 86.5 degrees. In Texas, the last week of June saw more than 150 reports of record hot high temperatures across the state.

Heat was the primary cause of national weather-related fatalities in 2010 and the second behind hurricanes from 2001-2010, according to the National Weather Service.

Midland Memorial Hospital has "definitely seen an increase" in emergency room patients because of heat-related illnesses, said public relations assistant Amanda Byrom. Most of the cases have been because of dehydration, especially among outdoor workers like those in the oilfield or construction. The city's Solid Waste department began its employees' days an hour earlier starting in June to avoid the scorching heat.

Of the 12 children who have died this year in the U.S. because of being left in a vehicle, four have been from Texas, according to the Texas Task Force of Safe Kids USA. Midland officials responded to about 20 calls related to children left in vehicles in June, said Midland Police Department Patrol Sgt. Craig Matthews, a child safety technician. One of those calls came Tuesday, when a 1- and 3-year-old accidentally were locked in a vehicle on Andrews Highway before they were safely released.

"The temperature can raise 19 degrees in the first 10 minutes you leave a child in the car," Matthews said. "Hyperthermia can set in very quickly, and it's usually caused by heat stroke."

The parents of children left in cars often have a lot on their minds or recently have changed routines, Matthews added, causing them to bypass the day care and enter their workplace with the child asleep in the backseat. Matthews suggested that after a change in routine, parents should set an alarm to go off five minutes after they're supposed to be at work to double check they've dropped off their child. They also should have a plan to be called immediately by their day care if their child is late.

Ensuring that doors are locked while vehicles are not in use is equally important, Matthew said. Sometimes children see vehicles as playgrounds and accidentally lock themselves inside.

Though officials haven't responded to many calls about pets being trapped in cars, Matthews warned that leaving the windows cracked might not be sufficient in extreme heat if the car isn't running.

Seniors ages 65 and older are at great risk for heat-related illness, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Community and Senior Services of Midland hosted a fan and air conditioning drive at Lowe's in the middle of June and received generous donations from the community, said Executive Director Kelly Ives. About 136 fans and 40 air conditioning window units were donated during the drive. The organization already has installed 14 window units and given out 150 fans, which included some they already had. Money raised from the drive will help the group to continue helping those in need.

"It was our most successful drive," Ives said. "I think with the heat this year, everybody is aware how hot it's been."

Ives urged seniors who turn off their air conditioning to save on utility costs and to spend time with friends or at senior centers that do have air conditioning.

Along with the heat, last month marked the only June on record when Midland did not receive any precipitation. More than 97 percent of Texas is currently under drought conditions, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Kimberly Cornelsen, Midland City Parks and Recreation assistant manager, said the city's pools have been busy for the past month with patrons looking for relief from the hot weather.

"Our attendance at the pools has been up this year tremendously," she said. Part of the reason is that the pools were periodically closed last year because of rain and lower temperatures.

Combined attendance at the Doug Russell Pool and Washington Park Aquatic Center this June was estimated at more than 21,300, while about 19,300 visits were made to the pools in June 2010.

The RockHounds have seen an increase in attendance of an average of 425 people per game this season over last year's season, though the Sockers still are struggling to bring in large crowds, said the minor league teams' Assistant General Manager, Jeff VonHolle. On particularly hot or crowded days, management has an extra medical professional at the stadium and provides additional points of sale for drinks.

Though Putt-Putt Fun Center owner Jessica Miles said she'd welcome rain in the midst of Midland's drought and fires, the precipitation last summer was a bigger hurdle to her business than this year's heat. She said that most customers arrive in the mornings and evenings but hasn't seen much of a drop in business.

"Surprisingly, we still get people out with the heat," she said. "Last year, we had all the rain, but the rain would be nice for all the fires we've been having."

La Niña, which is the result of cool water temperatures in the Equatorial Pacific Ocean, is mostly to blame for the hot, dry weather, said National Weather Service meteorologist Alec Lyster. Though Midland should experience some precipitation as sea surface temperatures neutralize sometime this summer, the current drought outlook doesn't look promising in the near future.

"The drought is going to persist or intensify from Midland across the central part of the state," Lyster said.

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HELPFUL TIPS TO PREVENT HEAT EXHAUSTION AND HEAT STROKE

- Drink cool, non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated beverages.
- Drink water regularly throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Be aware that some medications can make you more vulnerable to heat exhaustion.
- Rest often.
- Take a cool shower, bath or sponge bath.
- If possible, seek an air-conditioned environment. If you don't have air conditioning, consider visiting an air-conditioned shopping mall or public library to cool off.
- Wear lightweight clothing.
- If possible, remain indoors during the hottest parts of the day.
- Do not engage in strenuous activities.

Source: Centers for Disease Control

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Source: National Weather Service

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ACROSSTHENATION

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IOWA

Bachmann rallies tea party members

MARSHALLTOWN — Republican presidential candidate Michele Bachmann is scrambling to harness support in Iowa this weekend, stopping in at restaurants and public events across the state just six weeks before a critical test in the leadoff caucus state.

The Minnesota representative is headlining a tea party rally in Des Moines, capping her first full day of campaigning in Iowa since declaring her candidacy Monday.

NEW YORK

Strauss-Kahn leaves house, returns hours later

Former International Monetary Fund chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn spent his first day of freedom from house arrest in a sexual-assault case by ducking out of his rented townhouse with his wife on Saturday, returning a few hours later and heading quickly back inside.

Strauss-Kahn, whose house arrest was lifted Friday following concerns about the credibility of a hotel maid who accused him of trying to rape her.

CALIFORNIA

Marines accused of sham marriages for fiscal gain

CAMP PENDLETON — Three Southern California Marine corporals are facing charges of defrauding the government for entering into sham marriages for financial gain, the military said Saturday.

The scam was hatched when a lesbian couple, one a Marine and the other a civilian, decided to live together off base, according to 1st Lt. Maureen Dooley, a Marine spokeswoman at Camp Pendleton.

The female Marine found a male Marine willing to get married, allowing them to collect a $1,200 housing benefit, Dooley said. The civilian woman also eventually married a male Marine and collected government funds, according to officials.

NEW JERSEY

Wayward baboon, likely from park, captured on farm

HOWELL TOWNSHIP — A wayward baboon that apparently escaped from an amusement park and became a mini-celebrity — appearing at a golf course and being followed on Twitter — was captured Saturday after spending three days on the lam.

The animal appeared to be unharmed when it was found and tranquilized at a farm in Howell Township, in southern New Jersey. The farm isn't far from Six Flags Great Adventure's Monkey Jungle in Jackson Township, which has about 150 baboons that are part of a drive-through safari.

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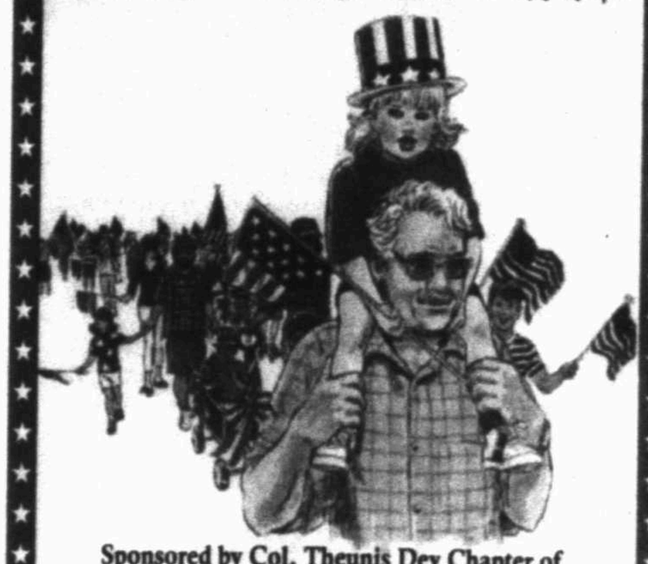

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THE FINAL SALUTE

Earlier this week, Midland residents said their last goodbyes to Pfc. Josue "Yoshi" Ibarra, a Marine who died June 18 while fighting in Afghanistan. Here are some moments from the fallen hero's funeral service and procession.

ABOVE: Marine Pfc. Josue Ibarra's parents, family and friends pray Thursday at the funeral services at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

LEFT: Marines carry Ibarra's coffin, which has an American flag draped over it, past Patriot Guard Riders holding flags outside Abundant Living Christian Center on Tuesday.

ABOVE LEFT: Members of the Patriot Guard Riders help lead the funeral procession into the memorial gardens.

ABOVE: Members of the Marine Honor Guard fire a 21-gun salute Thursday at the funeral service.

LEFT: Hundreds of Midlanders line Wall Street to honor Ibarra as his remains are brought home Tuesday.

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GOLD STAR

From 1A

stepson, Clayton Henson, died in 2004 while serving in Iraq.

Tony Orlando, director of game entertainment, presentations and promotions for the RockHounds, said they wanted to recognize the fallen soldiers from the community and the families they left behind. Gold Star families will sit together, and their sons will be honored through a presentation planned for the video board immediately following the game, he said.

"It allows us to kind of reach out to the Midland-Odessa community," Orlando said. "We have some family members who will be at the game for this. It's kind of our way to be able to recognize them."

Sylvia Macias, whose son, Robert Arsiaga, was killed in Iraq in 2004, said she never used to like to speak in front of people. Now, she said she feels it's her duty to let people know about her son, whether through something formal or during conversations that pop up throughout each day.

"W sit here and talk about our sons. We laugh. We cry. We want people to know," Macias said. "We don't want them to forget."

Through the network of Gold Star families that formed in the Permian Basin, Macias, Garza and Henson said they feel they've gotten to know each of the men who've been lost. They were pranksters, they were caring and, when they needed to be, they were serious.

Standing together before Ibarra's memorial service, the women said if their sons had known each other on earth, they can imagine they would have been great friends, just as their parents have become.

Macias reached her hand toward the other women and reminded them that their boys do know each other. They just didn't get to meet until they landed in heaven.

"To know that they're together now as our guardian angels, that is comforting to me to know they are brothers," she said. "They're welcoming Yoshi in and banding together just like they would if they had served together."

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GOLD STAR GAME

- RockHounds gates open at 5:30 p.m. Monday, and the first pitch is at 6:30 p.m.
- A recognition of Gold Star families will take place immediately following the game. The night will end with a fireworks display.

Economic recovery turns 2: Feel better yet?

By Paul Wiseman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — This is one anniversary few feel like celebrating.

Two years after economists say the Great Recession ended, the recovery has been the weakest and most lopsided of any since the 1930s.

After previous recessions, people in all income groups tended to benefit. This time, ordinary Americans are struggling with job insecurity, too much debt and pay raises that haven't kept up with prices at the grocery store and gas station. The economy's meager gains are going mostly to the wealthiest.

Workers' wages and benefits make up 57.5 percent of the economy, an all-time low. Until the mid-2000s, that figure had been remarkably stable — about 64 percent through boom and bust alike.

Executive pay is included in this figure, but rank-and-file workers are far more dependent on regular wages and benefits. A big chunk of the economy's gains has gone to investors in the form of higher corporate profits.

"The spoils have really gone to capital, to the shareholders," says David Rosenberg, chief economist at Gluskin Sheff and Associates in Toronto.

Corporate profits are up by almost half since the recession ended in June 2009. In the first two years after the recessions of 1991 and 2001, profits rose 11 percent and 28 percent, respectively.

And an Associated Press analysis found that the typical CEO of a major company earned $9 million last year, up a fourth from 2009.

Driven by higher profits, the Dow Jones industrial average has staged a breathtaking 90 percent rally since bottoming at 6,547 on March 9, 2009. Those stock market gains go disproportionately to the wealthiest 10 percent of Americans, who own more than 80 percent of outstanding stock, according to an analysis by Edward Wolff, an economist at Bard College.

But if the Great Recession is long gone from Wall Street and corporate boardrooms, it lingers on Main Street:

■ Unemployment has never been so high — 9.1 percent — this long after any recession since World War II. At the same point after the previous three recessions, unemployment averaged just 6.8 percent.

■ The average worker's hourly wages, after accounting for inflation, were 1.6 percent lower in May than a year earlier. Rising gasoline and food prices have devoured any pay raises for most Americans.

■ The jobs that are being created pay less than the ones that vanished in the recession. Higher-paying jobs in the private sector, the ones that pay roughly $19 to $31 an hour, made up 40 percent of the jobs lost from January 2008 to February 2010 but only 27 percent of the jobs created since then.

Hard times have made Americans more dependent than ever on social programs, which accounted for a record 18 percent of personal income in the last three months of 2010 before coming down a bit this year. Almost 45 million Americans are on food stamps, another record.

Ordinary Americans are suffering because of the way the economy ran into trouble and how companies responded when the Great Recession hit.

Soaring housing prices in the mid-2000s made millions of Americans feel wealthier than they were. They borrowed against the inflated equity in their homes or traded up to bigger, more expensive houses. Their debts as a percentage of their annual after-tax income rose to a record 135 percent in 2007.

Then housing prices started tumbling, helping cause a financial crisis in the fall of 2008. A recession that had begun in December 2007 turned into the deepest downturn since the Great Depression.

Economists Kenneth Rogoff of Harvard University and Carmen Reinhart of the Peterson Institute for International Economics analyzed eight centuries of financial disasters around the world for their 2009 book "This Time Is Different." They found that severe financial crises create deep recessions and stunt the recoveries that follow.

This recovery "is absolutely following the script," Rogoff says.

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NYers ask how gay marriage will affect benefits

By Chris Hawley and Michael Hill
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As same-sex marriage becomes legal in New York — a world financial capital that often sets the corporate tone for businesses everywhere, and a city with a large gay and lesbian community — companies and individuals are wrestling with the changing complexities of their financial realities.

For straight couples, the choice has generally been to marry or not to marry, period. But conflicting state and federal marriage laws and questions about corporate benefits policies make financial planning decisions much less cut-and-dried for many gay couples.

Jason Ganns, an accountant from Albany, figures getting married will save him $350 to $450 a year in state income taxes — after a devil of a time reconciling those forms with his federal return, on which he won't be considered married.

New York City resident Andrew Troup and his husband have kept their health insurance policies separate because of tax complications and are now weighing whether merging them will make sense after marriage.

And if some couples have been waffling on tying the knot, they'll have to decide whether now is the time to take the plunge if their employers restrict domestic partner benefits to the lawfully hitched.

"There's just a lot of rumors going around," said Erica Freudenstein, a 46-year-old freelance photographer from New York City who plans to wed her longtime partner, television video editor Cybele Policastro. Freudenstein has been covered under Policastro's health insurance.

"She has to pay taxes on it for my health insurance, and now for New York state I think she won't," she said. "So it's a benefit. It's all about the benefits."

New York is home to an estimated 42,600 same-sex couples, many already considered married in Canada and other places that allow gay marriage but are less business-heavy, including Iowa, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C.

The range of new benefits to married gay couples will affect everything from adoption to the settling of estates. But taxes and health care benefits are the most tangible and common issues.

It is estimated that thousands of gay people in New York are covered under their partner's employer-provided health plan. Married couples are not taxed on the value of an employer's contribution to cover their spouse, but it's been different for gay couples, even New Yorkers who got legally married elsewhere.

Troup got married in Canada in 2008. New York law has recognized marriages performed elsewhere since 2009, but they're still not sure how their status will change when the state on July 24 starts recognizing same-sex marriages performed within its borders.

They work at different software companies and are weighing whether to merge their health insurance policies.

"We're going to have to sort of re-evaluate and decide whether it's more cost-effective to be under one plan or not," he said.

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Jurors see scant evidence in Casey Anthony trial

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — After more than 33 days of testimony, 400 pieces of evidence and sweeping promises from attorneys to prove how 2-year-old Caylee Anthony died, neither prosecutors nor defense attorneys have provided concrete evidence showing whether the girl was killed by her mother.

And when closing arguments begin today, jurors won't forget what they were promised.

During opening statements in May, prosecutors said Caylee was suffocated with duct tape by a mother who loved to party, tattooed herself with the Italian words for "beautiful life" in the month her daughter was missing and crafted elaborate lies to mislead everyone from investigators to her own parents. Defense attorneys countered that the toddler accidentally drowned in the family swimming pool, and that her seemingly carefree mother in fact was hiding emotional distress caused by sexual abuse from her father.

However, a medical examiner never determined precisely how Caylee died, and 25-year-old Casey Anthony's DNA was not found with her daughter's skeletal remains when they were found in December 2008 in a wooded area near the Anthony family home. The defense team never offered firm proof of how the girl died, either, and never offered any evidence that Casey Anthony was molested by her father, George, who has denied the claim.

"This is an emotional case and I think they made some promises early in the opening and they have not been able to deliver," said Tim Jansen, a former federal prosecutor and criminal defense lawyer in Tallahassee. "(The jury is) going to be very skeptical in their closing arguments. When I do my closing arguments, I can tell you right away if they are listening to me, if they are agreeing with me or if they turn the other way and it's not a good feeling to lose a jury."

The case has played out on national television from the time Caylee was reported missing three years ago to the trial that was broadcast across the country. Captivated observers have camped outside the courthouse to jockey for coveted seats in the courtroom gallery, which has occasionally led to fights among those desperate to watch the drama unfold.

Casey Anthony has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder. She could face a possible death sentence or life in prison if convicted of that charge. Anthony also is charged with aggravated child abuse, aggravated manslaughter of a child and four counts of providing false information to law enforcement. The child abuse and manslaughter charges each carry a 30-year prison term if convicted.

Judge Belvin Perry gave attorneys Saturday off so they could prepare their final arguments for today. He has said the jury of seven women and five men could start deliberating by early tonight.

Prosecutors finished their rebuttal case Friday, after which defense attorney Cheney Mason argued that the judge should grant a request to acquit Anthony. He said in part about the state's case: "If you separate facts from fiction and inferences stacked on top of inferences ... there is no proof."

Indeed, the burden of proof falls to prosecutors. Yet they relied on a highly circumstantial case, focusing on the lies told by Casey Anthony in the 31 days after Caylee was last seen alive. They also heavily focused on an odor in the trunk of Casey Anthony's car, which the prosecution's forensics experts said was consistent with the smell of human decomposition.

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How a Fannie Mae official brought down the house

■ A new book shows James A. Johnson's role in the demolition of America's housing market.

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Washington Post Writers Group

"The louder he talked of his honor, the faster we counted our spoons."
— *Emerson*

The louder they talked about the disadvantaged, the more money they made. And the more the financial system tottered.

Who were they? Most explanations of the financial calamity have been indecipherable to people not fluent in the language of "credit default swaps" and "collateralized debt obligations." The calamity has lacked human faces. No more.

Put on asbestos mittens and pick up "Reckless Endangerment," the scalding new book by Gretchen Morgenson, a New York Times columnist, and Joshua Rosner, a housing finance expert. They will introduce you to James A. Johnson, an emblem of the administrative state that liberals admire.

The book's subtitle could be: "Cry 'Compassion' and Let Slip the Dogs of Cupidity." Or: "How James Johnson and Others (Mostly Democrats) Made the Great Recession." The book is another cautionary tale about government's terrifying self-confidence. It is, the authors say, "a story of what happens when Washington decides, in its infinite wisdom, that every living, breathing citizen should own a home."

The 1977 Community Reinvestment Act pressured banks to relax lending standards to dispense mortgages more broadly across communities. In 1992, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston purported to identify racial discrimination in the application of traditional lending standards to those, Morgenson and Rosner write, "whose incomes, assets, or abilities to pay fell far below the traditional homeowner spectrum."

In 1994, Bill Clinton proposed increasing homeownership through a "partnership" between government and the private sector, principally orchestrated by Fannie Mae, a "government-sponsored enterprise" (GSE). It became a perfect specimen of what such "partnerships" (e.g., General Motors) usually involve: Profits are private, losses are socialized.

There was a torrent of compassion-speak: "Special care should be taken to ensure that standards are appropriate to the economic culture of urban, lower-income, and nontraditional consumers." "Lack of credit history should not be seen as a negative factor." Government having decided to dictate behavior that markets discouraged, the traditional relationship between borrowers and lenders was revised. Lenders promoted reckless borrowing, knowing they could offload risk to purchasers of bundled loans, and especially to Fannie Mae. In 1994, subprime lending was $40 billion. In 1995, almost one in five mortgages was subprime. Four years later such lending totaled $160 billion.

As housing prices soared, many giddy owners stopped thinking of homes as retirement wealth and started using them as sources of equity loans — up to $800 billion a year. This fueled incontinent consumption.

Under Johnson, an important Democratic operative, Fannie Mae became, Morgenson and Rosner say, "the largest and most powerful financial institution in the world." Its power derived from the unstated certainty that the government would be ultimately liable for Fannie's obligations. This assumption and other perquisites were subsidies to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac worth an estimated $7 billion a year. They retained about a third of this.

Morgenson and Rosner report that in 1998, when Fannie Mae's lending hit $1 trillion, its top officials began manipulating the company's results to generate bonuses for themselves. That year, Johnson's $1.9 million bonus brought his compensation to $21 million. In nine years, Johnson received $100 million.

Fannie Mae's political machine dispensed campaign contributions, gave jobs to friends and relatives of legislators, hired armies of lobbyists (even paying lobbyists not to lobby against it), paid academics who wrote papers validating the homeownership mania and spread "charitable" contributions to housing advocates across the congressional map.

By 2003, the government was involved in financing almost half — $3.4 trillion — of the home-loan market. Not coincidentally, by summer 2005, almost 40 percent of new subprime loans were for amounts larger than the value of the properties.

Morgenson and Rosner find few heroes, but two are Marvin Phaup and June O'Neill. These "digit-heads" and "pencil brains" (a Fannie Mae spokesman's idea of argument) with the Congressional Budget Office resisted Fannie Mae pressure to kill a report critical of the institution.

"Reckless Endangerment" is a study of contemporary Washington, where showing "compassion" with other people's money pays off in the currency of political power, and currency. Although Johnson left Fannie Mae years before his handiwork helped produce the 2008 bonfire of wealth, he may be more responsible for the debacle and its still-mounting devastations — of families, endowments, etc. — than any other individual. If so, he may be more culpable for the peacetime destruction of more wealth than any individual in history.

Morgenson and Rosner report. You decide.

OUR VIEW

Obama's oil industry obsession has grown tiresome

We certainly wish President Barack Obama would remove the bull's eye he has on the oil industry.

With the fight over the sagebrush lizard situation still fresh in our minds, we again had to read last week about the president "calling on the GOP to help end oil tax breaks." It's the same song, different day.

We credit Republicans in Washington for holding firm to keep current tax breaks in place.

According to a Hearst Newspapers report, "The targeted oil and gas tax breaks include a domestic manufacturing deduction that is widely available to other industries and a deduction for intangible drilling costs, such as the cost of repairs, site preparation and hauling supplies."

We wonder if the president, Democrats and other lawmakers will discriminate against the oil industry or will the tax repeal include all industries which benefit from the deduction.

The administration, according to the report, also has taken aim at a percentage depletion deduction that allows energy companies and royalty owners to deduct a percentage of the revenue from the sale of oil or gas extracted from their land.

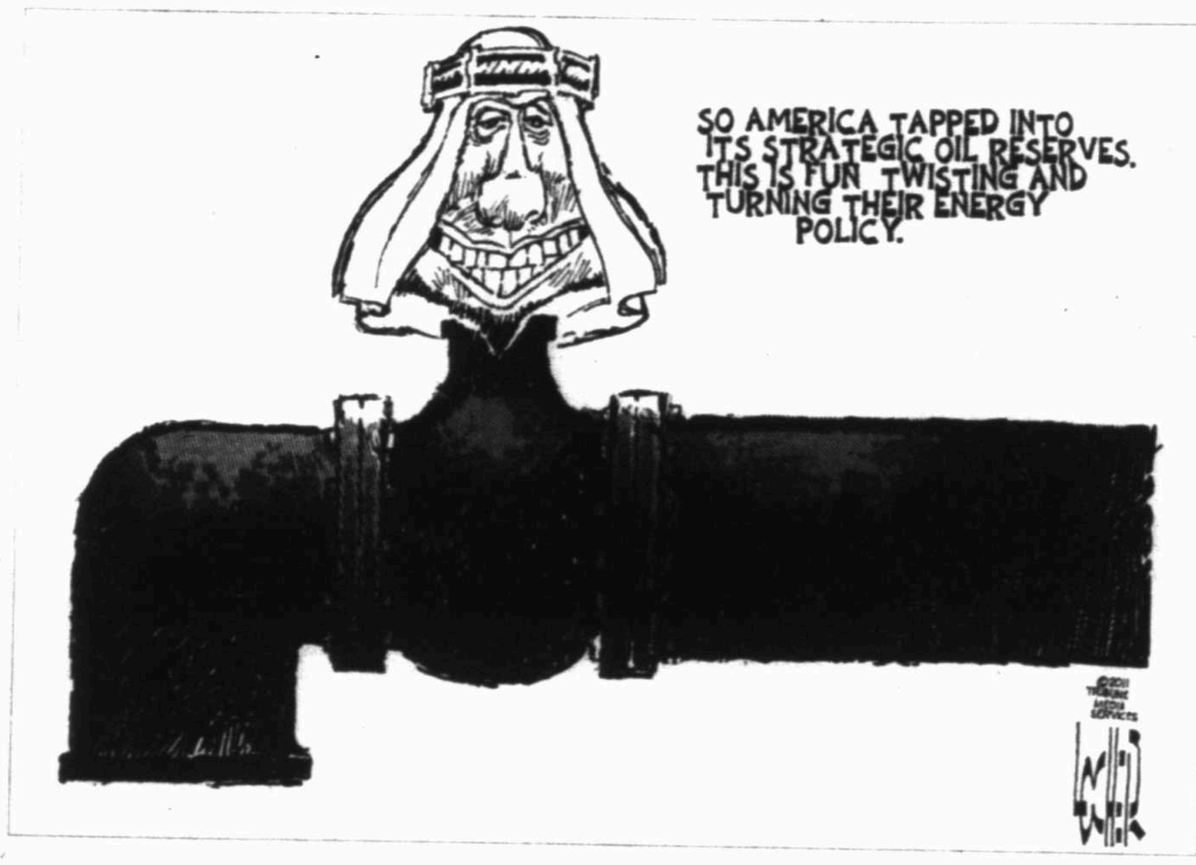
The Obama administration, the report continued, has asked Congress to cut the tax breaks more broadly, in a budget plan that would affect smaller independent oil and gas companies, as well as the major players.

"Raising taxes on an industry that already contributes more than $86 million every day to the federal government takes us in the wrong direction," said Jack Gerard, president of the American Petroleum Institute. "It could put American jobs at risk, decrease oil and natural gas production, harm millions of retirees who rely on income from energy companies and actually reduce revenue to the government over time."

We see the president is not just going after "Big Oil," but anyone his administration believes is earning more than their fair share. We wonder how long this will continue. There are certain deadlines this nation faces when it comes to its debts. We recognize that. And while placing blame on the oil companies may be politically beneficial, it is wrong to blame the industry for revenue shortfall happening.

In Texas we know the oil industry and energy sector provides an economic safety net and have been a reason for why this state continues to prosper while other states fall behind. Maybe the administration is envious its job creation programs have fallen woefully short of what's happening in the oil patch. We just can't see where creating a climate that will limit investment and potentially keep people out of work benefits anyone.

All we can hope is Republicans don't offer the oil industry over as part of a great compromise down the line. The sad truth is cutting those tax breaks, especially the one affecting smaller independent oil and gas companies, would benefit no one.



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Bachmann's new tone: Farewell to all that

■ Kinder, gentler Bachmann is moving forward — and maybe to the middle.

BOB FRANKEN
Hearst Newspapers

It was the right thing to do. Chris Wallace, host of the "Fox News Sunday" show, called an "insulted" Michele Bachmann and said he's sorry. She has accepted his apology for asking her: "Are you a flake?"

He got a lot of flak for that, deservedly so. It was demeaning and was not exactly the right question.

After watching her official candidacy speech in Waterloo, Iowa, where she presented herself as the "voice of reasonable, fair-minded people," she now calls herself a "unifier."

Her suddenly mellow tone had played well at the New Hampshire debate a couple weeks earlier, so she's now avoiding the incendiary rhetoric that made her a cable news inciter. She has switched from careless to calculated. So, the proper question is: "Are you a fake?"

Anybody who's been paying attention knows that Michele Bachmann has built her political career on "Don't Confuse Me with the Facts" sound bites that range from bombast to bomb blast. She was right out in front of the fringe parade last November with the claim that President Obama's trip to India would cost $200 million a day.

Never mind that this was hogwash. She put it out there, and the Obama haters had new reason to hate — and to love her for it. Her oratorical résumé is splattered with McCarthyisms, such as the suggestion in 2008 that members of Congress should be investigated for being "anti-American."

She is stridently conservative, arguing, "Literally, if we took away the minimum wage, if conceivably it was gone, we could potentially wipe out unemployment completely because we would be able to offer jobs at whatever level." She overlooks the possibility that if we went all the way in that direction, to outright slavery, we could have full employment. Maybe she's forgetting that's been tried.

Her grasp of history has become legendary. Her most recent flub came in the opening speech of her campaign, in Waterloo, Iowa, where she was born, and where she is hoping to triumph in the state's first-in-the-nation delegate-selection competition. She declared that Waterloo was the home of John Wayne. Actually, it was the birthplace of John Wayne Gacy, the gruesome serial murderer.

Still, Bachmann is running a killer campaign. She has shot to the top of the latest Des Moines Register poll that shows her neck and neck with Mitt Romney for the lead among Iowa Republicans.

They are a particularly conservative bunch in the state, so she gets a lot of points for her support for teaching "intelligent design" in schools or rallying people to be "armed and dangerous" in their opposition to an energy tax or last year claiming that Obama administration policies were "turning our country into a nation of slaves."

She is the self-appointed leader of the Congressional Tea Party Caucus and channels all of that movement's anger. She is defiant, for instance, in the face of forecasts that failure to raise the debt ceiling by early August could cause a catastrophic default by the United States government.

The problem, though, is that the far right is crowded with GOP candidates, and could fill up even more if Sarah Palin adds her out-sized presence or Texas Gov. Rick Perry joins in. So Bachmann is reaching to the middle with a newfound warmth and fuzziness aimed at independents.

"Our problems," she declared in Waterloo, "don't have an identity of party — they are problems of both parties."

The real problem is that Michele Bachmann suspiciously has abandoned her fire-breathing ways. Presenting herself as a gentle breath of fresh air might ultimately be viewed as oxymoronically cynical. There is another possibility, of course: She knows what she's doing — she and her consultants.

She needs to be taken seriously. She is definitely not a flake and her success so far is not a fluke.

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LETTERS ON THE ISSUE

Let commissioners know what you think

The county has a possible buyer for the library building. There are plans to move the library to the Mervyn's store. I called the judge and understand that the exchange would be an even swap.

I appeal to the county judge and the Commissioners' Court to rethink this sale and move. The current library is not for sale.

This is a costly idea for the county that provides no benefit in library services. Why the county would swap a building in good condition and owned by the county for a building that is in poor condition? The county would have to upgrade the old Mervyn's building.

What is the benefit other than location of the northern residents of the county? Why should Midland County taxpayers support such? Leave well enough alone. The current system works well. Front Street is easy access to the library, and the branch serves the northside well. In spite of talk of safety issues, I bet that there are more incidents of crime in the parking lots along the loop than at the current library parking lot.

Downtown is going through a transformation. The library is a part of this. If the county wants to support downtown development, then why move the library? Leave the library where it is.

I find the timing ironic — while many are out of town during the summer. I understand that in real estate there are two major factors: location and timing. The timing is right, as many are gone. Why the location of the Mervyn's store remains to be seen. Surely, someone is benefiting from such a transaction.

Who are the real beneficiaries of all these transactions? It is not the taxpayers. Luis Sanchez was the only commissioner to vote against the plan to move the library. Thank you.

Please rise up, contact the county judge and commissioners. Let them know what a wasteful use of tax dollars this idea is.

Mike Bradford, 688-4310; Jimmy Smith, 684-8822; Robin Donnelly, 688-4802; Randy Prude, 685-1980; Luis Sanchez, 688-4803.

Robert Scofield

Is a new location a want or need?

I have just read the front page article in the Reporter-Telegram regarding the proposed move of the county library. While we try to teach our children the difference between "want" and "need," the county commissioners seem to have missed that lesson.

At a time when educational budget cuts are surely going to impact our area, the need for a "nice, neat, new technological library" in north Midland makes no sense. I think our library is great. If it needs updating and additional technological aspects, then let's do it. But to buy another building and hope to sell the old one does not seem fiscally responsible.

The article states that the primary users of the library live in the zip codes nearest the proposed Mervyn's location. I think the commissioners feel that moving the library would increase the usage by those patrons. On the contrary. I live in that area, and I go to the downtown library a lot, as well as to the Centennial branch. I will not frequent it more just because it is in my backyard. But, I do feel that those in other areas of the city may definitely use the library less if it were to be moved.

Accessibility may be an issue for those residing on the south side, and it seems to me that we would be disenfranchising that part of our city. To state that they can always take the bus is like Marie Antoinette stating "let them eat cake." If you want a segment of your population to use something more, then don't make it harder to get to it. Has anyone asked the citizens what they want?

If we have so much extra money that we can afford to buy another building and hope to auction off the old one, then I suggest we use those resources instead to make our present library more attractive, technologically current and inviting to everyone.

As for revitalization of the downtown area by moving the library out, oh come on.

Andree Rosen

Who stands to gain from a move?

I am writing with regard to the proposed move of the Midland County Library from its present location to the old Mervyn's building. The present library was designed for that specific purpose and probably is one of the finest libraries anywhere for a city the size of Midland.

Most ideas our local government come up with have at least some merit. This proposed move is ill-conceived and has absolutely no merit and is an affront to the citizens of Midland. I wonder who stands to gain from this move — certainly not the citizens of Midland.

James E. Stark

Library patrons don't mind trip downtown

I am surprised that the county is considering a move of the library from the downtown area, while at the same time, the city is working toward rejuvenating the downtown area. That doesn't make sense, especially seeing that another business (Permian Abstract) has elected to move out to the "shopping" area. And does it make sense to do so at a time when the economy is so unstable?

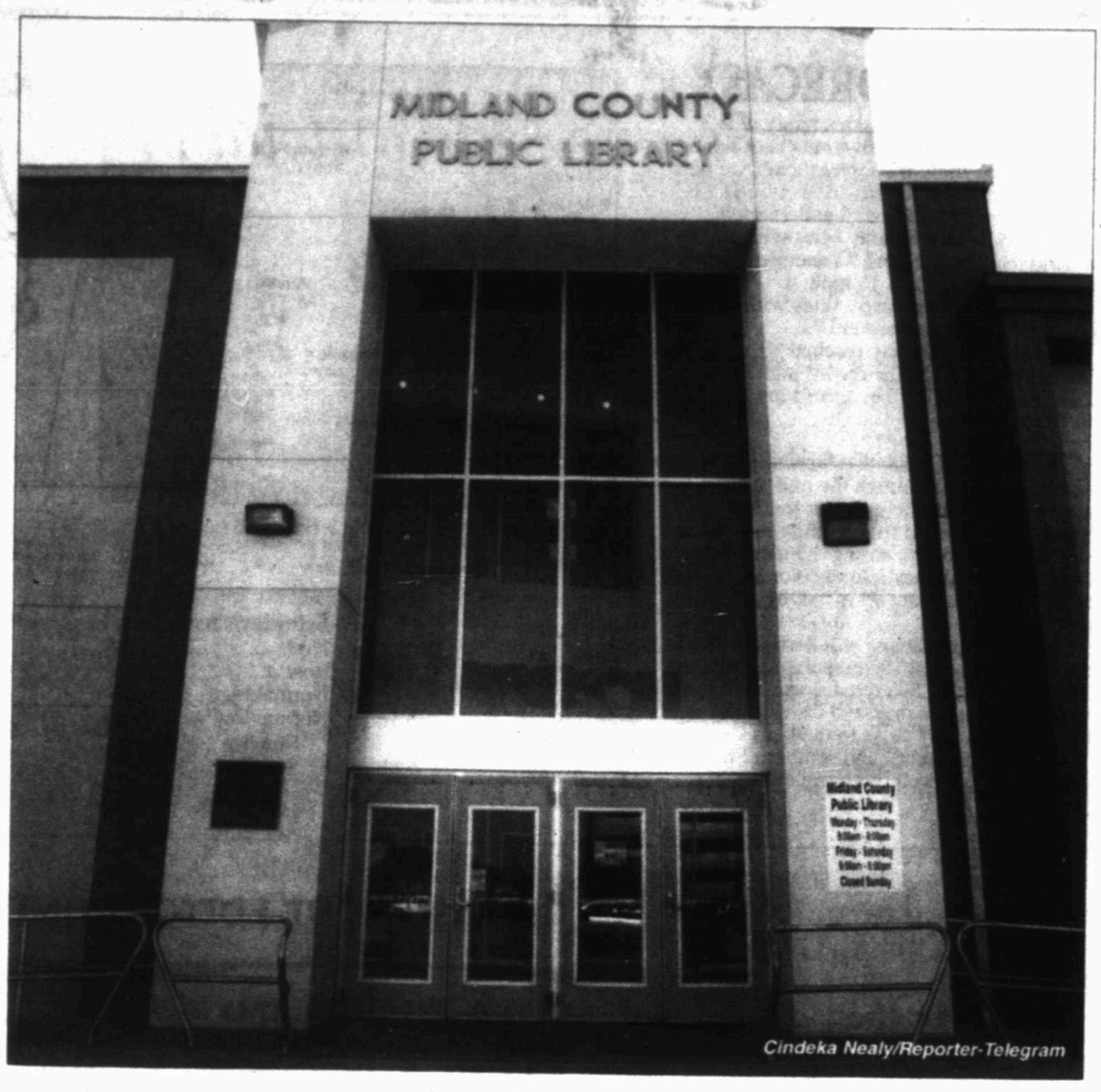
People who use the library make it a special trip. One doesn't go shopping and just "drop" by the library. Most people spend time browsing, researching and relaxing at the library.

The library has not outgrown its space and, in fact, could consolidate somewhat the arrangement of book shelving. The parking is more than adequate for patrons. I, too, would like to see more library usage but finding ways to acquaint the public with the pleasures, entertainment and knowledge to be found there is the key, not questionable convenience.

My wife and I are weekly users of the library and don't find problems with traffic or with parking. We are retired, so we can make the trip during the day and avoid the 5 o'clock traffic times but do often go in the evenings. I would not look forward to the traffic there always seems to be in the shopping areas off the Loop.

Don Michael

SPEAKING OUT



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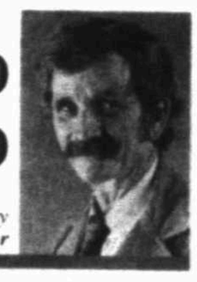
Will Midland's sense of community be remembered during library fray?

■ Citizens of the county need "open and honest dialogue" regarding library's future.



ED TODD

Library Advisory Board member

In boom times, does Midland, the celebrated oil capital of the worshipful Permian Basin, have "too much money?"

The old collapses in rubble, and the new springs forth. But, alas, it is not the Phoenix of mythology, not quite the same.

Where is the soulful spirit that inspires high-mindedness and sense of community?

A Texas preservation-restoration architect — grateful for the amazing preservation of that Texas shrine, the Alamo, "Cradle of Texas Liberty," that even in defeat inspired victory — cited the temptations of too much money and waning sense of history and heritage. The architect was heartened by the restoration of the 1880s monastery of Marienfeld (modern-day Stanton) and survival of Midland's 1929 classic T.S. Hogan Petroleum Building and its adjoining Yucca Theatre, with its grandeur of the Old West's opera houses and theaters.

Midland's forebears appreciated elegance.

Nowadays, in some quarters, that seems to be on the wane, a disappearing act.

While greenbacks and electronic (phantom) money have usurped the silver dollar, vaporous cash still rules.

Midway in 2011, perhaps Midland is at the threshold of a peaceful revolution promoted by The Library Fray.

The Midland County Commissioners' Court, quietly and somewhat secretively, perhaps unaware, created a great stir and aroused the community, which was prodded out of its comfort zone and malady of apathy and into the boldness of peaceful protest and dissent, gifts of a republic and a democracy.

Judge and commissioners, who are sworn to duty to community and constitution, are well-paid — $47,000 annually for each commissioner and $100,000 for the court's presiding officer, the judge — for their roles as servants and representatives of the people.

Last week, the court voted 4-to-1 in dual votes conditionally to abandon the downtown Midland County Public Library, thus apparently hindering Midland's downtown revitalization program. The proposal would shift the library northward into Midland's more affluent territory and into the warehouse-like and non-descript 1985 brick building of a bankrupt department store, Mervyns. The library's move would leave downtown and the perceived humble and more-poor-than-rich folks behind.

Unless richly and ingeniously remodeled, the building would lack the classical colonnades of a Carnegie Library designed for efficiency and inspiration, not blandness.

The court last year virtually abandoned Midland County's 1930 art deco courthouse — which was inelegantly expanded in the 1970s and later — and moved courthouse business north, on the fringe of downtown, to an 11-story, $31 million (so far) new courthouse with the appeal of another Tall City high-rise office building.

It is, however, roomy and efficient but hardly stately by classical standards.

So, will the commissioners figure out a way to auction off the old courthouse and courthouse square to the highest or most-favored bidder? Perchance, could the Midland City Council, the Midland Chamber of Commerce or powers in enterprising ventures be interested in acquiring the old courthouse square (fabulously valuable) or the library grounds?

Of course, what the community desperately needs is open and honest dialogue, without fear of reprisal, on The Library Fray.

Elected officials, unavoidably tempted to reek of hubris despite their vows of servitude, can do what pleases them no matter the protest if they can bear the consequences.

Are there any philosophers and idealists on the court? Certainly there are well-heeled money people enriched by enterprise, investments in oil and real estate, and a judge who is well-groomed in politics and silver-tongued persuasion.

Among the commissioners, there is one, a former school teacher, who expresses concern for the economically downtrodden folks, especially the children, and desires a library within their reach to enrich their learning.

In recent years, the commissioners rejected an offer by the Friends of the Library (Friends of Libraries and Literacy) to build and to give to Midland County the proposed Thomas Kelley Memorial Library, named in honor of a revered southside priest and friend of humanity and especially the poor, widowed and politically, economically and culturally disadvantaged.

Like Europe's alluring grand city, Paris, cannot Midland have its Arc de Triomphe, "Anchor of old Paris," and its Eiffel Tower, an elegant flair for all France, among its modern high-rise skyline?

The Midland County Public Library, originally built in 1957 by joint efforts of the city, the county, ranchers, geologists, the Friends of the Library and others, was to be first class.

The library's young, at 33, popular new director, "Mr. T" (John Trischitti III), perceives that the commissioners do not govern on a "whim" and do pay "due diligence" in their deliberations.

His quest is to make the public library, wherever it is situated, "the preeminent library facility in West Texas" and beyond in cyclic times of boom and bust.

Ed Todd is a member is Midland County Public Library Advisory Board and contributor to the Reporter-Telegram

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Obama deserves less blame, more credit

In response to Arlen Edgar's comments last week, some need to be addressed. I am glad you agreed with me about our record rig count in the Permian Basin. I don't think I missed the state rig count that much. But despite what the count is in Texas, it's way up from when the "master of disaster" was in office.

Edgar not only missed the point, he missed the whole page. Where were you when the U.S. invaded Iraq — that pointless attack, along with the disaster in Afghanistan that plunged our nation into a winless war that has cost us between $6 trillion and $7 trillion? The former president and his minions were guiding us down the road to financial disaster.

Edgar, when former President Bush left office we were almost $11 trillion in debt. [Reference: Government-Debt to the Penny/Daily History Service of the U.S. Treasury]

Edgar, to be exact our debt was $10,626,877,048,913.08. Our debt today is $14,344,503,407,708.93 and climbing. I am sure you and your minions care nothing about being fair to President Obama, but we are paying $519 billion in interest a year on the debt when he took office. The interest alone is a little over $1 trillion since Obama has been in office.

I was confused, but now I think I understand. If things are bad, it's Obama's fault; if it's good, it's nothing he has done.

Well, Obama certainly needs to accept the blame but not any of the credit. I think I got your point, Edgar, and I understand your stance.

As for being in the oil business and talking to a real oilman, Edgar, my father and grandfather started in the oil business in 1938 in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. I bet you haven't been here that long.

I know it's hard to realize something so clear when you have never been wrong. I hope you get started on that bridge.

Earl Kinsley

Perry's veto hard to figure out

I recently noted that Gov. Rick Perry vetoed the texting while driving bill that came to his desk for signature. Quite frankly I agree with the governor's general principle concerning his assertion that government should not engage in an "effort to micromanage behavior of adults." But what I cannot agree with, and I am astounded at, is that our state's chief executive officer is willing to trade innocent lives on our highways to allow texting by drivers who don't have the good sense to ensure their safety or that of their family, friends and others utilizing our Texas roads.

Simply stated, it appears Perry finds it ideologically acceptable that texting while driving is fine even if it results in the death or maiming of your family and friends. Clearly, the governor is derelict in his duty to protect the citizens of this state with regard to texting while driving.

I suggest that if our newspaper and other news outlets kept a running tally of every innocent person who is killed or maimed by a texting driver from this point forward, along with the innocent person's picture and a description of the accident, that our governor would understand the need to make texting while driving against the law.

Stephen Hardesty

Why change the color of fire engines?

It was really exciting to see the new MFD fire truck go in to

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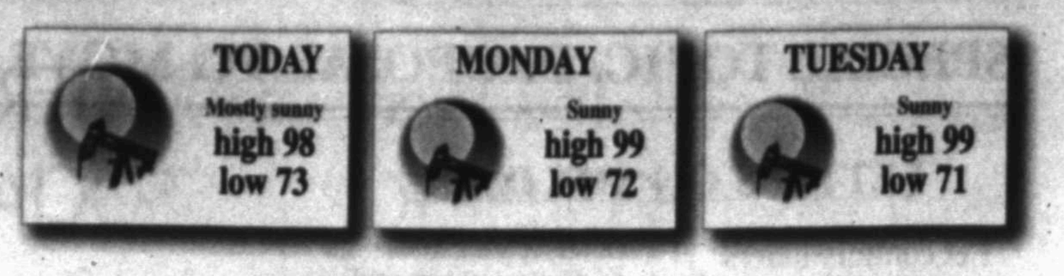

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 98 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 73 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Monday, look for sunny skies with a high around 99, a low around 72 and south winds around between 5 and 15 mph.

Tuesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 99 and a low around 71.

The high on Saturday reached 95 while the low dropped to 72. The record high for July 2 is 112 set in 1989. The record low is 60 set in 1936.

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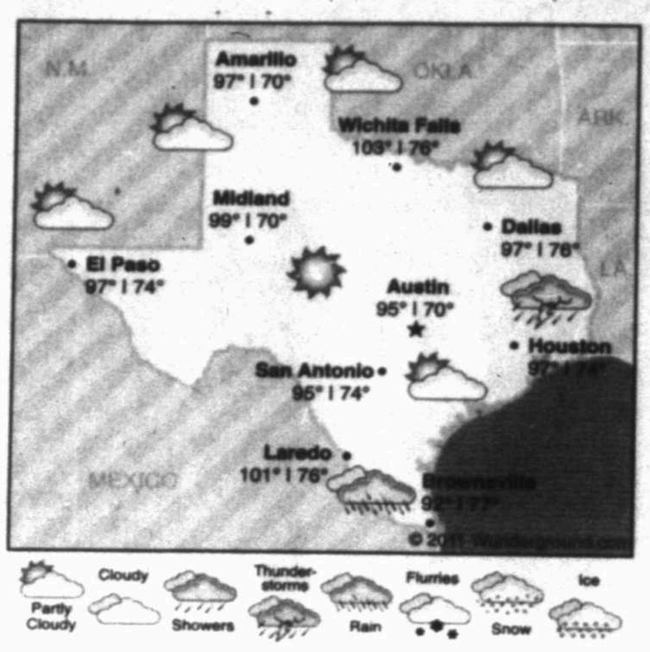
Summerlike warmth and humidity will continue to build through the mid-Atlantic and the Northeast along warm southerly winds today. A cold front cutting into the warmth will produce strong thunderstorms from the Ohio Valley into the Northeast, with cities along Interstate 95 at risk by afternoon and evening.

Sizzling temperatures will persist throughout the Southeast, with temperatures topping 90 degrees again. Scattered storms will provide little relief as they will develop late in the day, especially close to the Gulf Coast.

Much of the central and southern Plains will stay hot, as well, with triple-digit heat.



Precipitation

Rainfall Friday	.0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday	.0.00 in.
Total for month	.0.00 in.
Total for year	.0.16 in.
Normal total (year to date)	.5.88 in.

Saturday's temperatures

High	95
Low	72
Normal high	94
Normal low	69
Sunrise	6:47 a.m.
Sunset	8:59 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONTINUED

From 11A

service here in Midland. But I was mystified why the city of Midland chose the color red for the truck. The entire fleet of MFD trucks are lime-yellow.

If I recall, a study was done back in the 1970s or early '80s that confirmed that red fire trucks are more prone to be involved in auto collisions than the lime-yellow.

With collisions being the second largest cause of firefighter deaths, it would seem that the city of Midland would stay with the lime-yellow paint, as red rates about a 10 on a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being the worst (as verified by a DuPont Paint study). Oh, lime-yellow rates No. 1 as the safest color.

Sadly, it seems firefighter safety is being cost-driven by an uneducated COM purchasing deptartment.

I would also note that in Europe, the police use lime-yellow for their cruisers. Check out how many collisions the police deptartment has had, or for that matter the entire city fleet. Some members of the police department would say they need stealth. OK, I agree that this dog will hunt, but remember when the city of Midland approved that MPD cruisers need more visibility on our streets, so now the MPD takes the cruisers home and are used for personal use (which I think is great).

Please do not take my word for this. Check out "Fire Truck Visibility" or "Ergonomics In Design" at the local library.

Timothy L. Parker

Can tabs needed for NARFE fundraiser

Yes, the National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association of the Permian Basin still is collecting aluminum pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House. We have turned in more than 400 pounds so far thanks to all the citizens in Midland who have been collecting for us.

Special thanks goes to Casa de Amigos, which has turned in the most. Thanks also to Occasions Fine Jewelry, Venture Mud, residents of Midland and the members of NARFE chapter 1281.

All the tabs that we collect will be turned in and the revenue collected will be donated to a Ronald McDonald house.

NARFE also will take aluminum cans that will be turned to benefit Alzheimer's research. Nationwide, NARFE already has contributed more than $9 million to Alzheimer's research, and we hope to collect and donate another $1 million before the end of next year. Collecting aluminum cans is one of the ways to raise money for this research.

Anyone wanting to donate tabs, cans or make a donation can contact me, Stan Sartain, president of chapter 1281 in the Permian Basin, and I will make arrangements to pick them up.

You may contact me at 3229 W. Shandon, Midland, TX 79705 or call 694-2250.

Thanks to all the Permian Basin for your support of our projects. As always, the generosity of the people in this area is outstanding.

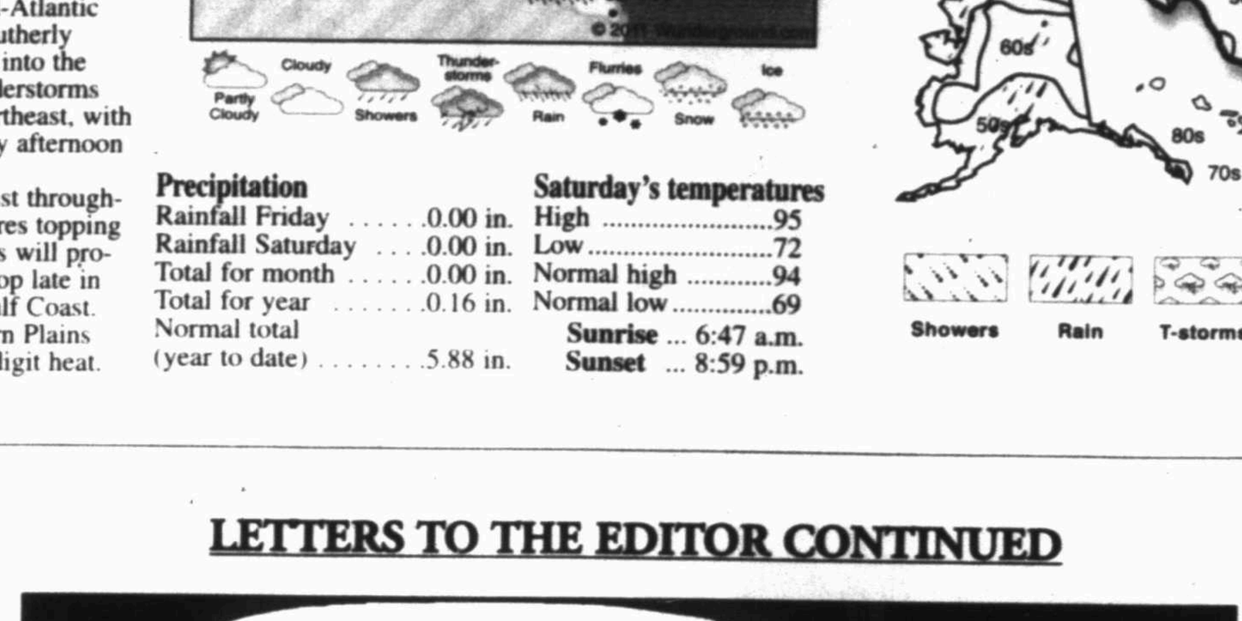
Stan Sartain

End of time approaching? Probably a scare

Throughout my lifetime I have heard that the end of the world is upon us. There is one church in particular that tries to convince us of this. Yet they get married, have children and keep building new churches. One TV preacher in San Antonio is on a rant telling us the end of time is near. But, if you donate $5,000 to his church, you can be a gold member. Why does he need the money if the end of time is upon us? Recent events were televised that the end of the world would be in May 21. One woman was so terrified over this that she slit the throats of her two daughters and tried to commit suicide rather than face the wrath of God. Thankfully, the woman and her daughters survived this ordeal.

My understanding of the Bible is that God said no one, not even the angels, will know when the end of time will come. As long as I wake up in the morning, I know I have another day just like everyone else and thank God for it. I don't burden my brain with this end-of-time issue. I just take life one day at a time and try to make the most of that day. Different religions, preachers and churches use the end-of-time issue to scare folks into joining their church and give them money. There is a church in California, the Crystal Cathedral, that has gone broke, and the building is up for sale for about $20 million. The preacher tells us that he and his family own this church. I thought churches belonged to the members who paid for them with their tithes. Jesus did not ride around in a Rolls Royce, wear a Rolex or have a fleet of corporate jets. The folks who go to a country church are just as much Christians as those who go to mega-churches.

Donald R. DeVore



US can't get involved in every dispute

Gen. George Patton said during the end of the war with Germany, "When the enemy and liberated are both shooting at you, it's time to leave."

Our leaders seem to keep repeating our nation's mistakes over and over. When I came home from Vietnam in 1966, the citizens of our nation spit on our troops. I will never as long as I live forget the guilt our fellow Americans cast on the Vietnam War veterans coming home. I will say now our nation has grown up.

I knew our nation would never again get involved in armed conflict that had no end. King Henry VIII said, "War is expensive."

We started in Vietnam in 1959 and stayed until 1975. Now, to keep that from being the longest war in American history, the historians and politicians say that it was an armed conflict.

We went to Vietnam because the French were soundly defeated in 1954. Ho Chi Minh was Time magazine's man of the year in 1954. Around 1959 the U.S. decided to assist South Vietnam in setting up a democratic government. In 1975, thank God and President Nixon, for pulling the U.S. out of a losing situation. We failed miserably in setting up a democratic society.

Now we have Iraq and Afghanistan. Reuters News Agency and reports the cost of the wars at $7 trillion and will be as high as $10 tillion in 2021 after adding a staggering 550,000 disability claims that have been filed with the VA as of 2010. Interest on the war will be $1 trillion a year in 2020.

I am not a politician and don't belong to a political party. I like what some politicians say, and I don't like what some say. One Republican candidate really made sense in the Republican debate. He said, "We need to quit trying to buy foreign government and warlords with foreign aid to like us."

George Washington in 1789 said, "We can't get involved in every tribal dispute around the world."

Dennis Wallace

Texans should always help other Texans in need

I never thought I would be ashamed to say I was a Texan from Midland, but after a incident around 10 a.m. on June 25, I am close. While my wife and I were driving to Lubbock to shop, we passed a car about 10 miles north of Lamesa that was headed toward Midland and pulled onto the shoulder with a flat tire. A lady was doing her best to get the tire changed but wasn't having any luck. We turned around and went back to help. After all, this is Texas, and I was raised that men from Texas do not leave women stranded on the road by themselves.

When we got to her she explained her problem and that she had been there for 30 minutes or more while dozens of cars had just driven by without stopping. Several of the vehicles had men driving (because we saw several vehicles pass while we turned around) who did not stop to offer help. Come on, guys; it took 10 minutes to change her tire and be on my way. I hope one of these days, when your wife or girlfriend breaks down in the middle of nowhere that someone with more honor and compassion than you stops to help her.

This is Texas — not New York, not California. I know from 50-plus years of experience as a Texan that we believe in courtesy and helping our neighbors, and we do not leave women stranded on the side of the road. I also know that if the wives knew these men did not stop to render aid to this lady, they would be in for a major tongue lashing.

Bob Crites

MCS needs to reach out to neighbors

Midland Christian School has good intentions to provide a "Christian education" to children in the Permian Basin. To achieve this goal, they have leveled homes and destroyed a residential neighborhood. They persuaded the city to sell a portion of my street, Culver Drive, to them. Their tactics to achieve their goals are underhanded, unscrupulous and completely void of integrity.

Nonetheless, they are backed by the almighty dollar, which speaks volumes in Midland. The school board, the parents and the students possess a sense of entitlement, believing that every act they perform is blessed by God.

Today, in a vote of 6-1, the City Council approved a building plat, giving carte blanche to Midland Christian School. The precedent has been set, that for the right price, the city of Midland is indeed, for sale.

Mary Dowdle

Hearing to legalize pot should take place

Congressmen Ron Paul and Barney Frank introduced HB 2306 — Ending Federal Marijuana Prohibition Act of 2011 — on June 23.

The U.N. Global Commission on Drug Policy report concluded on June 2 that the "war on drugs" has failed. Rep. Lamar Smith, chair of the House Judiciary Committee, is refusing to allow HB 2306 a hearing.

On May 29 the Drug Enforcement Administration issued 55 licenses to pharmaceutical companies to grow cannabis. The DEA also raids dispensaries in states with medical marijuana laws.

DEA administrative law judge, Francis Young on Sept. 6, 1988, concluded on a marijuana rescheduling petition, "that there is accepted safety for use of marijuana under medical supervision." The American Medical Association, the American Cancer Society and the Texas Medical Association support further investigation into the efficacy of cannabis as a medicine.

Almost 90 percent of the annual marijuana arrests are for possession. The average annual cost of the war on drugs is more than $20 billion and rising steadily.

HB 2306 represents an opportunity for states to decide their own destiny when considering cannabis. Laissez-faire capitalism is how this nation was built, but that is not what we currently have; instead, we are compelled to operate under corporatism and protectionism.

Cannabis became illegal because the petro-chemical industry and the timber industry feared competition from the hemp industry.

Alcohol, tobacco, pharmaceutical, and oil and gas lobbyists continue fighting against re-legalization of cannabis because this could hurt their profits. Congressman Smith has received approximately $50,000 in campaign contributions from both the oil and gas and pharmaceutical industries.

According to a 2010 ABC News/Washington Post poll, 81 percent of Americans believe doctors should be allowed to prescribe medical marijuana to their patients. The federal government and their corporate sponsors have made enough decisions in spite of the will of the American people. Call Smith's Washington office at 202-225-4236 and demand HB 2306 be given a hearing.

Pat Mendez

Wrong phone number creates problems

Late Feburary, we started receiving calls for a store located in the Midland Park Mall. Mid-March we then received a call from the office of the mall explaining that had listed our private number as this store's number and they apologized for their mistake. The calls kept coming at all hours, day and night. Needless to say, this was very frustrating for us. I then called the mall office and was told that it was my problem, and I needed to fix their error. I explained I would not correct their mistake and was then hung up on. Mind you, we have received hundreds of calls. I then called to speak with the manager, and within 10 minutes, their website had been changed with the correct number. This problem could have been taken care months ago, but it took calls complaining.

After all this, we are still receiving calls for that store in the mall. I have shopped at Midland Park Mall since it opened and spent thousands of dollars there but I feel like I, as a consumer, did not qualify as being important enough to them.

I just want Midland Park Mall to take responsibility for their actions. And as of today they have not, and I don't think they ever will.

Donna Deck

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

This Week Only INTERNATIONAL COIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION is in Midland!

Paying Cash for all Coins and Paper Money made before 1965.

By KEN MCINTOSH
STAFF WRITER

ICCA will be placing ads in newspapers, radio and running television spots this week asking people to bring in any old silver and gold coins made before 1965. Those that bring in their coins will be able to speak with collectors one on one and have their coins looked at by a specialist. With the help of these ICCA members, offers will be made to those that have coins made before 1965. Offers will be made based on silver or gold content and the rarity of the coins. All coins made before 1965 will be examined and purchased including gold coins, silver coins, silver dollars, all types of nickels and pennies. Those that decide to sell their coins will be paid on the spot.

If you are like a lot of people you might have a few old coins or even a coffee can full lying around. If you have ever wondered what they are worth now might be your chance to find out and even sell them if you choose. They could be worth a lot according to the International Coin Collectors Association also known as ICCA. Collectors will pay a fortune for some coins and currency for their collections. If it is rare enough, one coin could be worth over $100,000 according to Eric Helms, coin collector and ICCA member. One ultra rare dime, an 1894S Barber, sold for a record $1.9 million to a collector in July of 2007. While that is an extreme example, many rare and valuable coins are stashed away in dresser drawers or lock boxes around the country. The ICCA and its collector members have organized a traveling event in search of all types of coins and currency. Even common coins can be worth a significant amount due to the high price of silver and gold, says Helms. Washington quarters and Roosevelt dimes can be worth many times their face value. Recent silver markets have driven the price up on common coins made of silver. Helms explains that all half dollars, quarters and dimes made before 1965 contain 90% silver and are sought after any time silver prices rise. Right now it's a sellers market he said.

The rarest coins these collectors are looking for include $20, $10, $5 and $2 1/2 gold coins and any coin made before 1850. These coins always bring big premiums according to the ICCA. Silver dollars are also very sought after nowadays.

Other types of items the ICCA will be purchasing during this event include U.S. currency, gold bullion, investment gold, silver bars, silver rounds, proof sets, etc. Even foreign coins are sought after and will be purchased.

Also at this event anyone can sell their gold jewelry, dental gold or anything made of gold on the spot. Gold is currently trading at over $1,400.00 per ounce near an all time high. Bring anything you think might be gold and the collectors will examine, test and price it for free. If you decide to sell, you will be paid on the spot – it has been an unknown fact that coin dealers have always paid more for jewelry and scrap gold than other jewelers and pawn brokers.

So whether you have one coin you think might be valuable or a large collection you recently inherited, you can talk to these collectors for free. If your're lucky you may have a rarity worth thousands. Either way there is nothing to lose and it sounds like fun!

For more information on this event visit the ICCA website at
WWW.INTERNATIONALCOINCOLLECTORS.COM

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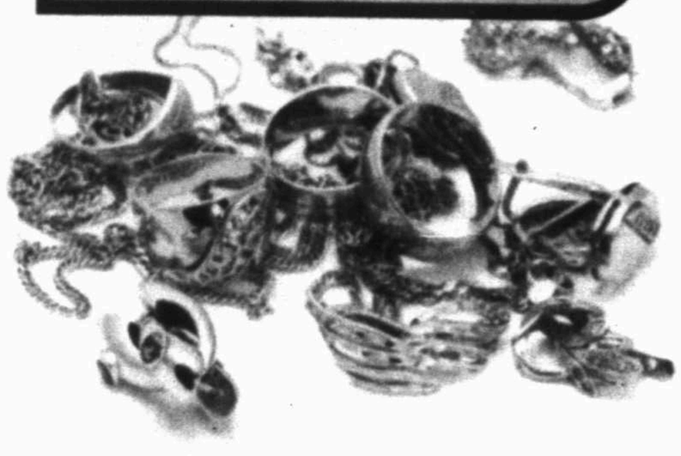

Here's How It Works:

- Gather items of interest from your attic, safe deposit box, garage, basement, etc. There is no limit to the amount of items you can bring
- No appointment necessary
- If interested in selling, we will consult our collector's database to see if a buyer exists. 90% of all items have offers in our database
- The offer is made on the spot on behalf of our collectors making the offer
- If you decide to accept the offer, we will pay you on the spot!
- You get 100% of the offer with no hidden fees

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YELLOWSTONE SPILL Oil swirls in a flooded gravel pit in Lockwood, Mont., after a pipeline break early Saturday. The ExxonMobil pipeline that runs under the Yellowstone River near Billings in south-central Montana ruptured and dumped an unknown amount of oil into the waterway, prompting temporary evacuations along the river.

Larry Mayer
The Billings Gazette

Exxon oil spill in Mont. river prompts evacuations

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press

LAUREL, Mont. — An ExxonMobil pipeline that runs under the Yellowstone River near Billings in south-central Montana ruptured and dumped an unknown amount of oil into the waterway, prompting temporary evacuations along the river Saturday morning.

Company spokeswoman Pam Malek said the pipe leaked for about a half-hour, though it's not clear how much oil leaked.

The cause of the rupture in the pipe carrying crude oil from Beltry, Mont., to the company's refinery in Billings wasn't known.

Brent Peters, the fire chief for the city of Laurel about 12 miles east of Billings, said the break in the 12-inch diameter pipe happened late Friday about a mile south of Laurel.

He said about 140 people were evacuated starting about 12:15 a.m. Saturday because of concerns about possible explosions and the overpowering fumes. He said they were allowed to return at about 4 a.m. after instruments showed fumes had decreased. He said more evacuations happened farther downstream outside his district but those numbers weren't immediately clear.

In a statement Saturday, ExxonMobil said it was sending its North American Regional Response Team to the area to help with cleanup work and that state and federal authorities had been alerted to the spill from the pipe belonging to the ExxonMobil Pipeline Company.

The company "deeply regrets this release and is working hard with local emergency authorities to mitigate the impacts of this release on the surrounding communities and to the environment," the statement said.

A 600-foot-long black smear of oil coated the riverfront property of Jim Swanson just downstream from where the pipe broke.

"Whoever pipeline it is better be knocking on my door soon and explaining how they're going to clean it up," Swanson said as globules of oil bubbled to the surface of the river.

"They say they've got it capped off. I'm not so sure."

By midday Saturday, two cleanup crews were putting out absorbent material along short stretches of the river in Billings and near Laurel. There appeared to be no attempts at capturing oil farther out in the river, and the smell of oil permeated the air for miles downstream and through the city of Billings.

ExxonMobil officials said cleanup crews of up to 140 workers were expected to arrive in the area with 36 hours.

"Nobody's been able to lay their eyes on the pipe," Peters said. "Right now, the Yellowstone River is at flood stage. The bank isn't stable enough for anybody to get close."

The cause of the break is not known, but Peters and Malek said speculation involves high water flowing through the river that might have gouged out the river bed and exposed the pipe, which was possibly hit by debris.

"I haven't seen it this high for at least 15 years," Peters said.

Jeb Montgomery, with the ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, said the pipe was buried six feet below the riverbed.

The state has received record rainfall in the last month and also has a huge snowpack in the mountains that is melting, which has resulted in widespread flooding in recent weeks.

Three oil refineries are in the Billings area, and Peters said he asked all three to turn off the flow of oil in their pipelines under the river once the leak was reported. He said ExxonMobil and Cenex Harvest Refinery did so, and that Conoco Phillips said its pipe already was shut down.

He said the river where the leak happened is about 250 yards wide, and that early Saturday morning an oil slick appeared to be about 20 feet wide.

"That was the farthest my flashlight would reach," he said.

Laurel, which has a population of about 6,500, is known for a huge Fourth of July fireworks display put on by the fire department, which has its own pyrotechnics crew. Peters said the town can swell to as many as 50,000 people for the event.

He said the fire department plans to hold the event Monday.

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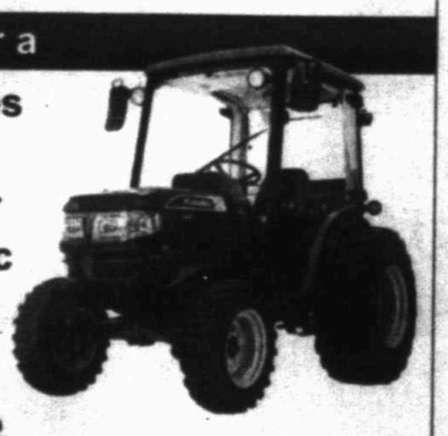

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Police: Train ticket helps crack 1957 Ill. killing

By Barbara Rodriguez
Associated Press

SYCAMORE, Ill. — Charles "Chuck" Ridulph always assumed the person who stole his little sister from the neighborhood corner where she played and dumped her body in a wooded stretch some 100 miles away was a trucker or passing stranger — surely not anyone from the hometown he remembers as one big, friendly playground.

And, after more than a half century passed since her death, he assumed the culprit also had died or was in prison for some other crime.

On Saturday, he said he was stunned by the news that a one-time neighbor had been charged in the kidnapping and killing that captured national attention, including that of the president and FBI chief. Prosecutors in bucolic Sycamore, a city of 15,000 that's home to a yearly pumpkin festival, charged a former police officer Friday in the 1957 abduction of 7-year-old Maria Ridulph after an ex-girlfriend's discovery of an unused train ticket blew a hole in his alibi.

Jack Daniel McCullough, 71, has been held in Seattle on $3 million bail. A judge overseeing a Saturday court appearance for him said he had been taken to a regional trauma center but did not elaborate. She rescheduled his bail hearing for 12:30 p.m. Monday.

"I just can't believe that after all these years they'd be able to find this guy," Chuck Ridulph told The Associated Press at his duplex in Sycamore, about 50 miles west of Chicago.

A 65-year-old minister who mainly serves his area's senior citizens, Ridulph once shared a bedroom with his sister and already has his headstone placed on a burial plot next to her grave. With McCullough's arrest, he worries about a drawn-out legal process that will dredge up bad memories but also perhaps answer some nagging, stomach-churning questions about what happened to the little girl who loved to play dress up.

"It's in my every thought, even in my dreams," he said of his sister's death. "It was just like it was yesterday. It comes up all the time in conversation."

Coney Island hot dog contest adds women's pigout

By Verena Dobnik
Associated Press

NEW YORK — This year's Fourth of July race to stuff your face with hot dogs has a new women-only pigout.

"Serena Williams didn't have to beat Roger Federer to win the Wimbledon title, and we don't think Sonya Thomas should have to beat Joey Chestnut," said master of ceremonies George Shea.

Thomas, known as the Black Widow of competitive eating, set a women's world record July 4, 2009, by stuffing 41 hot dogs into her 105-pound frame in 10 minutes.

Thomas and nine other women will compete Monday on Coney Island just before the men's stomach-churning Nathan's Famous hot dog feast, which this year again features world champion Chestnut, nicknamed Jaws. The 27-year-old from San Jose, Calif., ate his way to a fourth consecutive championship last year by downing 54 dogs for the $20,000 purse.

Notably absent again this year is his chief rival, Takeru Kobayashi, who held the world record for hot dog eating from 2001 to 2007 but plans his own eating contest on a Manhattan rooftop seven miles away.

Three Chinese contenders flew in from Beijing to join the competition, which will be televised live on ESPN.

Although women don't compete directly against men in most sports, Shea said, Thomas has beaten Chestnut in the past. She ate 181 chicken wings to his 169 during the National Buffalo Wing Festival in Buffalo last September.

Nathan's officials said they feel that women champions like the diminutive Thomas and Juliet Lee, also weighing about 105 pounds, "are not getting full exposure for their accomplishments; we're selling them short." Chestnut weighs in at 200-plus pounds.

Hence, the added competition on the same stage as the men.

"To me, this excitement is similar to when women were given the right to vote," says challenger Larell Marie Mele, a 133-pounder from Long Pond, Pa.

The female competition will start at 11:30 a.m.

To add to the day's yuck factor, a special pink champion's belt was made for the ladies — by sponsor Pepto-Bismol. The winner of the men's contest takes home the Nathan's mustard belt.

The pink belt made its debut at the annual contestant weigh-in Friday morning outside City Hall, with New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg presiding.

About 40,000 spectators this year will enjoy state-of-the-art Italian-made rides that are part of the redevelopment of the People's Playground, the Brooklyn neighborhood by the boardwalk that fell into seedy disrepair in recent years after serving as an escape for generations of Americans.

Last summer, Luna Park kick-started the renewal, which is part of Bloomberg's vision of turning the seafront into an amusement and entertainment mecca with restaurants, movie theaters, retail stores and hotels.

The Scream Zone, opened this year, includes the first new roller coaster since the iconic Cyclone rose in 1927. The Soarin' Eagle propels thrill-seekers to speeds of 40 mph in about two seconds. Another fresh ride, the Sling Shot, shoots riders 150 feet skyward.

The city has invested $6.6 million in Luna Park and the Scream Zone, working with an Italy-based engineering partner, Zamperla USA, on the designs for the cutting-edge amusement park.

Kobayashi, the renegade Japanese star who plans his own eating show on Monday, remains ineligible for the Coney Island event for refusing to sign an exclusive contract with Major League Eating, the fast-food equivalent of the NFL.

Kobayashi spent a night behind bars in Brooklyn after storming Nathan's stage during the 2010 competition. The celebrity eater, dubbed the Tsunami, rushed the stage and fought police.

He said he wants to be free to enter worldwide events sanctioned by other groups.

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AFGHANISTAN

Attacks kill 18, family on board a van

KABUL — A roadside bomb ripped through a van carrying a family Saturday in southern Afghanistan, killing all on board — the deadliest incident in a string of attacks that killed 18 civilians, according to officials.

The Ministry of Interior said four women and two children were among 13 people killed in the van in Shamulzayi district of Zabul province.

In neighboring Kandahar province, two civilians riding a donkey were killed Friday night when the animal stepped on a bomb in Maruf district, said Gen. Abdul Raziq, police chief of the district's province of Kandahar.

YEMEN

50 troops missing in lawless south

SANAA — Dozens of Yemeni troops went missing after a battle with al-Qaida-linked militants at a sports stadium in the country's increasingly lawless south, a military official said Saturday, describing a new setback for a weakened regime already facing an array of opponents.

Meanwhile, President Ali Abdullah Saleh, who has been treated in a Saudi hospital since an attack on his palace a month ago, remains bedridden and has difficulty breathing and talking, Yemeni officials said, revealing new details about the extent of his injuries. His condition cast doubt on repeated claims by his aides that his return to Yemen is imminent.

Saudi Arabia has been pressing Saleh to step down within 30 days and hand power to his vice president, in exchange for immunity from prosecution.

MONTREAL

Prince William, Kate greeted by protesters

Prince William and Kate were met by a small group of protesters Saturday in the French-speaking province of Quebec as the royal couple visited a children's hospital during a nine-day journey through Canada on their first official overseas trip.

About 35 protesters, including members of the separatist group Reseau de Resistance du Quebecois, or Quebecker Resistance Network, stood outside Sainte-Justine University Hospital Centre in Montreal chanting "A united people will never be vanquished."

War's deadly toll on US forces hasn't eased

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Despite U.S. reports of progress on the battlefield, American troops were killed in the first half of this year at the same pace as in 2010 — an indication that the war's toll on U.S. forces has not eased as the Obama administration moves to shift the burden to Afghanistan.

While the overall international death toll dropped by 14 percent in the first half of the year, the number of Americans who died remained virtually unchanged, 197 this year compared with 195 in the first six months of last year, according to a tally by the Associated Press.

Americans have been involved in some of the fiercest fighting as the U.S. administration sent more than 30,000 extra troops in a bid to pacify areas in the Taliban's southern heartland and other dangerous areas. U.S. military officials have predicted more tough fighting through the summer as the Taliban try to regain territory they have lost.

President Barack Obama has begun to reverse the surge of American forces, ordering a reduction of 10,000 by the end of the year and another 23,000 by September 2012. But the U.S. military has not announced which troops are being sent home, or whether they will be withdrawn from any of the most violent areas in the south and east.

Rear Adm. Vic Beck, a spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition in Kabul, said he couldn't comment specifically on the U.S. death count, but noted that the casualties were unchanged despite the surge in forces. He attributed the overall decline in the international toll to coalition progress on the battlefield, including the discovery of a rising number of militant weapons caches. He also said Afghan security forces are increasingly taking the lead, although recent violence has raised concerns about their readiness to secure their own country.

Beck said insurgents were shifting their focus to attacking civilians, pointing to last week's attack against the Inter-Continental, a luxury hotel in Kabul, that left 20 people dead, including the nine assailants.

"The enemy is taking the fight more to innocent Afghan civilians because we're taking it to them pretty hard on the battlefield," he said.

According to the AP tally, 271 international troops, including the Americans, were killed in the first half of the year — down 14 percent from the 316 killed in the first six months of last year.

With the American deaths virtually unchanged, the decline reflects a drop off in deaths of troops from other contributing nations. In the first half of the year, 74 of these troops — from countries like Britain, France and Australia — died compared with 121 in the first six months of last year.

In the most recent deaths, NATO said two coalition service members were killed in roadside bombings — one Saturday in the west who was identified as an Italian, and another Friday in the south whose nationality was not available.

By contrast, a recent U.N. report found that May was the deadliest month for civilians since it began keeping track in 2007, and it said insurgents were to blame for 82 percent of the 368 deaths recorded. The U.N. does not usually release monthly civilian casualty figures but said it was compelled to do so in May because of the high number.

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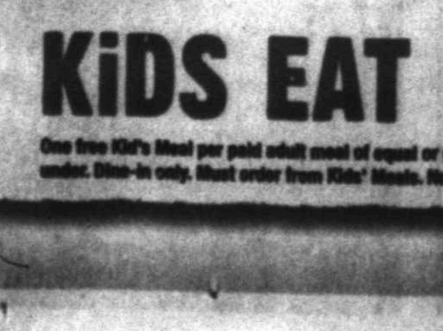

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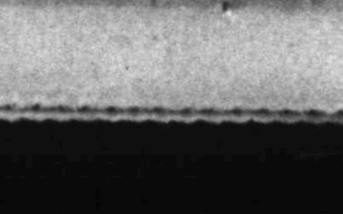

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Local & State

Group provides support for families of deployed soldiers

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

Having a son or daughter join the military and be deployed can be scary enough for some, but not having anyone to turn to or talk with sometimes can be even harder.

That's where Midland Blue Star Families is looking to fill the void and provide support for those who want to talk or ask questions.

"The families who are not at a fort or on base are really on their own. We decided we needed to fix this. They needed to talk to somebody, but they had no one to go to," said Midlander Donny McClure.

Started in 2006, shortly after his son Nick was injured while serving overseas, McClure said he wanted to have a program available to fill the gap and provide answers and support to those who have questions.

"It was this whole idea of if or when something happens, how do you take care of that?" he said. "There's a common thread to this group that's held together by fear, the unknown, necessity and faith."

Doc Weathers, who currently serves as chair of the group, said families meet once a month and those who have someone deployed get to go first and share about the status of their loved one.

Others who have been in their same position — possibly not hearing from their child for a certain period of time or not sure where he or she is — also can provide support and knowledge of their experiences as a way of reassuring new families.

"Generally, any question they have is going to get answered," he said.

When his son Adam was deployed to Iraq, Weathers said it was a frightening and emotional time because he didn't know what to expect. Meeting others in the group who currently had family members deployed and understood what he was going through as a parent helped provide support.

The group also provides information and teaches others how to use technology like Skype to communicate with those abroad, as well as information on local services that provide counseling and additional support.

Weathers said if a parent comes in with a concern that they haven't spoken to or heard from their son or daughter in a while and is worried, there are usually others in the group who have been in their shoes already and can tell them what to expect. Military maps of Iraq and Afghanistan also are displayed so families can locate or show others where their son or daughter is deployed.

"More than anything, it's been therapy," Weathers said.

For security reasons, the military does not provide a list of those in Midland who have a family member serving in the military.

Those who have joined the group so far have done so because of word of mouth. But Weathers and McClure said the group is open to any looking for support or who have questions.

"We all share a common thread, and this is available to anyone with an active duty military family member," McClure said.

Midland Blue Star Families meets on the second Thursday of every month from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.

The next meeting will be held July 14. For more information, email Weathers at docweathers@suddenlink.com.

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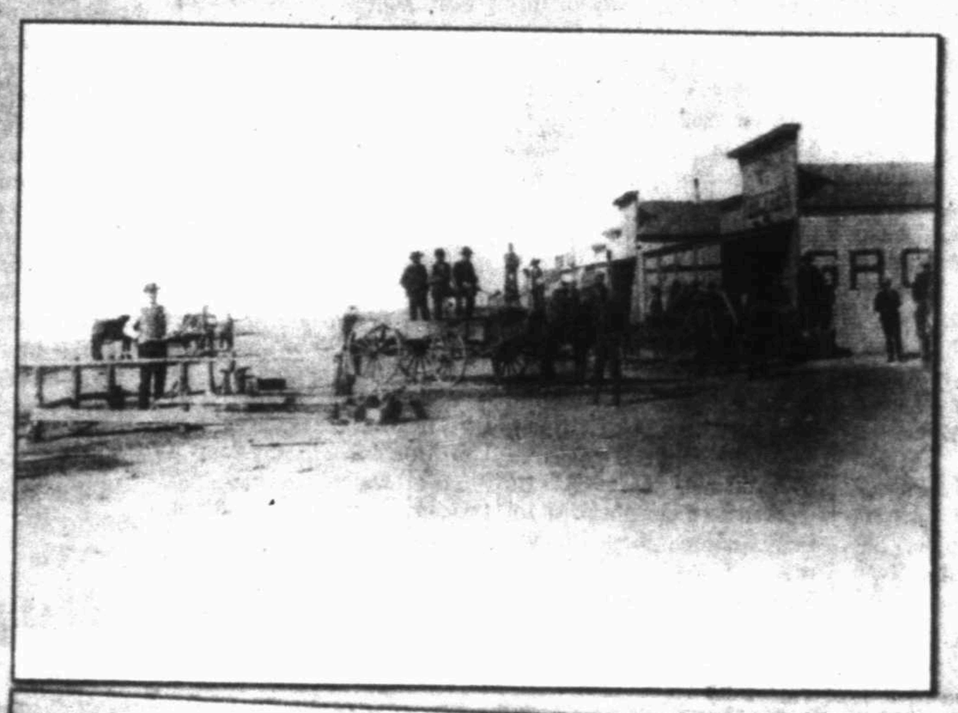

Courtesy photos

TOP: One of the first downtown water wells in Midland was drilled in 1894 at the intersection of Baird Street and Missouri Avenue.

ABOVE: A windmill, rather than a hand pump, brought water to the surface for the well drilled at the second county courthouse.

Midland is located on the southern edge of the largest plateau in North America, the Llano Estacado. The Llano, or staked plains as it often is referred to, covers an area of approximately 30,000 square miles, measuring about 300 miles north to south and about 200 miles east to west across eastern New Mexico, the Panhandle and Permian Basin of Texas. It is bounded on the north by the Canadian River, on the east by the Caprock escarpment and on the west by the Mescalero escarpment.

From its high point near Amarillo of approximately 5,000 feet above sea level, the Llano slopes to the southeast at about 10 feet per mile to about 3,000 feet into the Permian Basin. Characterized by a scarcity of water, the Llano Estacado has a unique ecological system of native plants and wildlife.

In 1541, the Spanish explorer Francisco Vasquez de Coronado led several hundred Spanish soldiers and explorers along with an equal number of horses and livestock north out of Mexico and up onto the Llano, exploring in the region around Palo Duro Canyon.

Those were the first Europeans known to have viewed this massive expanse of prairie.

Coronado's quest was for the fabled cities of gold, but he didn't find any gold and very little water for his thirsty men and animals.

The Llano has only playas, but no rivers or natural lakes. Although there are hundreds of playas across the Llano, they are fickle sources of water, providing it only during the infrequent rains.

Three hundred years after Coronado's trek across the Llano, U.S. Army Capt. Randolph Marcy led mounted soldiers with 18 supply wagons onto the Llano across present-day Midland County in

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In Iowa, Perry finds voters like those in Texas

By April Castro
Associated Press

AUSTIN — As Gov. Rick Perry ponders whether to throw his cowboy hat into the GOP presidential ring, he and his recently reunited team of advisers are looking hardest at Iowa.

For good reason: The voters who stand up on the cold caucus night of an Iowa winter bear a striking resemblance to voters in the Texas Republican primaries who have re-elected Perry three times in the past decade, making him the longest-serving governor in the country and the state's history.

■ Analysis

The conservative Southerner might not yet have a single office open in Iowa and he's hired no staff, yet pollsters and strategists familiar with the state's politics say he would enter the race there with a natural edge.

"Rick Perry is going to have a basic appeal to rural Iowa conservatives," said Jim Henson, a pollster and director of the Texas Politics Project at the University of Texas at Austin. "These are his people."

For months, as potential rivals for the Republican nomination began the work of building a White House campaign, Perry insisted he wouldn't run. But as the Texas Legislature headed toward adjournment, he said in late May he would think about the race. His advisers started laying the groundwork for a campaign in June.

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■ Read more on the governor, including Ross Ramsey's take on his leadership abilities.

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The Fourth has its own memories, magic

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Columnist

There's nothing that builds memories for kids and adults like the Fourth of July. Thomas Jefferson, and even gout-ridden Ben Franklin, would love the Fourth of July American style 2011 — or any other year, for that matter.

Christmas is always full of anticipation and surprise. Thanksgiving is the time for family and a little football thrown in to sweeten the pot. New Year's is all about reflection, assessment and looking forward. Easter is about religious fervor. All of that is good and great and a big part of our celebratory, migration throughout the year, but the Fourth of July has its own magic.

The Fourth of July gives us a chance to celebrate living in the greatest nation that ever graced this planet. That's pretty special. Yes, we have our problems. But no nation ever has produced a society with as high a standard of living as we possess under the umbrella of freedom and democracy. So, in the end, any Fourth of July event is about having fun.

And I used to have some fun on the Fourth. My wife tells me to be careful here because much of my fun could be considered in the "do not try this at home" category. However, I loved the celebration that was held annually in Snyder, where I grew up.

There would be the early-morning reading of the Declaration of Independence, followed by a parade that consisted of tricycles, rudimentary floats, clowns, horses and a couple of fire engines. It was a big thrill to land a spot in the parade with your bicycle or actually land a berth on the fire engine.

As I got older, it was the afternoon fare at Towle Memorial Park that grabbed my attention. First, lunch could be purchased at a food booth. People would walk over to the carnival rides with one hand holding a huge turkey leg and the other balancing a triple-decker ice cream cone.

After lunch there would be the tractor-pull contest and that would set up a run of afternoon baseball games between area teams. That would morph into the Miss Towle Park beauty contest that always was staged around the city park pool. This was a favorite for all the guys; an event you didn't want to miss.

Of course, the day ended with a huge fireworks display. That was a neat thing to take a date to if you could get a date. Dates in Snyder were hard to come by on the Fourth of July. The Fourth was bigger than prom.

I grew up thinking that everybody celebrated July Fourth like we did in Snyder. It shocked me a little when we moved to Midland and found out this city had nothing on the par of Snyder when it came to the Fourth. Then we did a little traveling and found out that some communities go well beyond a traditional Fourth celebration.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Johnathon Smith, 15, catches some air as he pulls a 360 on a jump off the lip at the William-Sam Memorial Skate Park on Saturday afternoon.

Obituaries

Aaron Leonidas McCrackin, Jr.

Aaron Leonidas McCrackin, Jr., 79, passed away Friday, July 1, 2011.

He was born December 29, 1931 in Gainesville, Texas, to A.L. McCrackin, Sr. and Constance Wilkins McCrackin. The family moved to Trinidad, Texas in 1935, where he was raised and graduated from Trinidad High School in 1949. He attended Henderson County Junior College and graduated with a Masters Degree from North Texas State Teacher's College. His career as a math teacher began in Sanger, Texas. He subsequently taught in Slidell, Andrews, and Midland schools. He also taught night classes at Odessa College and later at Midland College.

He was preceded in death by his mother, his father and his eldest sister, Constance McCrackin Speed.

He is survived by his wife, Sue McCrackin; sister, Mabel Mae McCrackin McGee; his children, Clifford Kent McCrackin and wife Ginger; Jenifer Dean McCrackin Holeva and husband Patrick; James Aaron McCrackin and wife Mahria; step-children, Brenda Sue Stahl and husband Mike; Gina Denise Davis and husband Jerry; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. Sunday, July 3, 2011 at Ellis Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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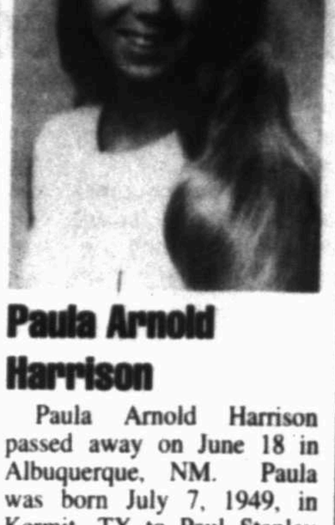


Paula Arnold Harrison

Paula Arnold Harrison passed away on June 18 in Albuquerque, NM. Paula was born July 7, 1949, in Kermit, TX to Paul Stanley and Joyce Garrett Arnold.

Paula attended school in Midland and graduated from Lee High School in 1967. She received her Bachelor Degree in Education in 1971 from North Texas State University in Denton, TX.

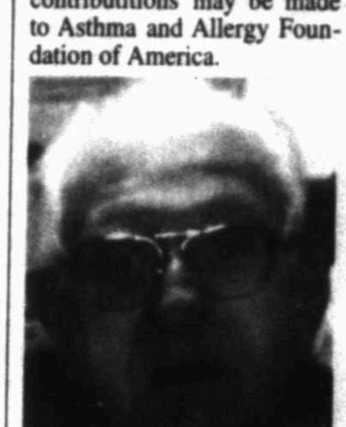
Paula married Kenneth R. Harrison in 1980 and in 1990 their son Kevin Ray Harrison was born in Dallas. Paula worked for Dr. Halff and Associates for ten years; the accounting firm, Ernst and Young for 8 years; law firm, Hughes and Luce; and the Ross Perot Presidential Campaign by special appointment. She then became a Special Education Instructor and Academic Language Therapist for Children with Special needs.

When Kenneth's job moved them to New Mexico in 2003, Paula concentrated on building her Dream home and taking care of her family, son Kevin and many of his friends. Her generous heart touched all of the young people that visited the Harrison home in Rio Rancho, NM.

Paula is survived by husband, Kenneth R. Harrison; son, Kevin of Rio Rancho, NM; mother, Joyce Garrett Arnold of Midland, TX; sister, Deborah Arnold Pierce of Midland, TX; niece, Morgan Leigh Pierce of Alpine, TX; nephews, Jarrett Ryan Pierce and Jessica of Houston, TX and Kyle Evan Pierce and Caitlin of Midland, TX; Brother-in-law Dave and Nancy Harrison III, of Bowie , TX; nephew and nieces, David Harrison IV, Brittani Harrison and Maranda Harrison; sister-in-law, Sheila Harrison and her son Christopher Cailide of Dallas, TX.

Paula was preceded in death by her Father Paul Stanley Arnold in 1994.

A Memorial Service was held in Rio Ranch, NM, June 22, 2011. Memorial contributions may be made to Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.



Robert (Bob) Joseph Pervinsek

Robert (Bob) Joseph Pervinsek, a long time resident of Midland Texas, passed away June 30th, 2011 in Carrollton, Texas after lengthy respiratory illness., Bob was born June 5th, 1926 in Staunton Illinois. A Graduate of the University of Illinois, with a degree in Geology. Bob first served his country during WWII as an aircraft mechanic on the U.S.S. Shangri-la. After the war, Bob was called back into the navy in 1946 to participate in Operation Crossroads, the atomic bomb test conducted at Bikini Atoll.

Bob started his career as a seismic crew chief for General Geophysical in Venezuela. He then moved to Houston to work as a geologist for Union Oil of California. Transferred to Midland in 1962. He worked as a Geophysicist for Flag Redfern, Pogo Producing, Clayton Williams, Valero, and many others. Bob is survived by his wife, Carol Pervinsek, daughter Suzan Holten, husband Matt Holten, and granddaughter Hillary Holten.

Death Notices

Anastacio Rodriguez

Anastacio (Andy) (Snake) Rodriguez, of Midland, died Friday, July 1, 2011. Services pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Gary Blake Truitt

Gary Blake Truitt, 56, died on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 from injuries received in a truck accident in Howard County. A gathering of friends will be at 7:00 PM Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at the residence, 4509 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring, Texas.

Rose Neuman

Rose Neuman, 90, passed away Thursday, June 30, 2011. Services will be held at a later date at Reyers North Valley Chapel, 2815 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505 (616) 363-7755. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Travis Teague

Travis Teague, 79, died June 30, 2011 in Andrews.

Visitation July, 4, 2011 from 6-8PM at McNett Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at5 McNett Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Bill Melton will officiate. Burial will be in Andrews Old Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Survivors: Wife, Exie Teague of Andrews; son Ronnie Teague of Andrews; daughter, Linda Tolson of Andrews; sisters Vernell Morris of Seguin, Texas; Edith Jolly of Monahans; Betty Rains of Lake Dallas, Texas; and Dean Pearson of Alabama; seven grandchildren, twelve great- grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Body of missing teen found at Houston-area beach

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The body of a 13-year-old girl who disappeared while swimming at a Houston-area beach has been found.

Brazoria County Sheriff's investigator Chris Dubois said swimmers found the body Saturday afternoon, a few hours after the U.S. Coast Guard suspended its search.

Officials said the girl went missing at Surfside Beach in Brazoria County while swimming with a 16-year-old friend Friday night.

Dubois said the two were caught in a riptide. The older youth, who was able to get away, was treated at an area hospital and expected to recover.

Dubois said 16-year-old told authorities her feet were knocked out from beneath her when she caught a wave.

Officials declined to release names at the family's request.

Dubois warned that currents are dangerous "whether you're a strong swimmer or not."

Coin collectors association to visit Midland

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Anyone with old coins or antique jewelry may have the opportunity to cash in during this week's International Coin Collectors Association event at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center.

For five days, certified experts will meet one-on-one with the public to discuss the value of coins, jewlery and other precious metals.

The association will make an offer to purchase all gold and silver coins made before 1965 and paper money printed before 1934, according to a news release.

The event is free and if an offer is made, checks will be issued on the spot, spokesman Matthew Enright said.

Offer amounts depend on the silver and gold content, the collectability, the rarity and the condition of the items.

Enright said people should keep an open mind because they never know the value of what they may bring.

It is also important not to clean the coins, he said.

"Cleaners and silver polishes actually hurt the value," Enright said in a phone interview. "Collectors want the vintage coin."

This is the first time the International Coin Collectors Association will visit Midland, Enright said. Each week, the association hosts about 100 shows in five countries.

WANT TO GO?

- **What:** The International Coin Collectors Association buying event
- **When:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday
- **Where:** Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 4300 W. Wall St.

HYDE

From 1B

search of a suitable route between Santa Fe, N.M., and Fort Smith, Ark. Marcy, like Coronado, was challenged by the lack of water throughout the area.

In "Land of the High Sky," author John Howard Griffin wrote of Marcy's journey through this area, noting that "Water was the important thing. Men traveled not directly but where they could find water on the route. No man dared move off alone and unguided, for if he missed the water he died."

During his expedition in September 1849, Capt. Marcy and his men camped about 15 miles northeast of present-day Midland at a watering hole he named Mustang Pond. So rugged was the appearance of this area and the scarcity of water that Marcy doubted the area was habitable.

Indeed, the prairie desert of the Permian Basin is a harsh master, unsuited for the faint of heart.

When the Butterfield Overland Stage began in 1858, the only passenger on the first westbound trip was Waterman Ormsby, a correspondent for the New York Herald.

He wrote that he saw "cattle left to die a terrible death on the plain from thirst, adding their bones to the vast numbers which whiten it and line the roadside, their grim skeletons warning the travelers of the dreadful dangers of the desert."

It was onto this arid land that pioneer families of Midland came to live in 1881.

Here during winter months they survived blue northers — cold fronts coming rapidly out of the panhandle, dropping temperatures so fast and so low as to imperil anyone or anything outside. In stark contrast to blue northers, early Midlanders braved the scorching summer sun with its unrelenting heat and blistering winds.

They understood that no breathing being can endure the desert heat without life-sustaining water.

Courtesy Photo

Mule teams were used to haul water into town in 1905.

In 1884 Midlanders drilled one of the first downtown water wells at the intersection of Baird Street and Missouri Avenue.

It brought refreshing water to the surface for humans, working as they did without the luxury of air conditioning.

As satisfying as a cool drink of water may have been to a passerby, it seldom was accompanied by an equally refreshing cool breeze.

The inexhaustible supply of desert wind is little comfort when the temperature rises above 100 degrees. Today, somewhere beneath the pavement on the parking lot behind the U.S. District Courthouse is the rusted tubing of that early water well.

By 1905, Midland built its second county courthouse, a two-story building made from red sandstone quarried at Barstow. With the new courthouse came another water well, this one lifting water to the surface by windmill rather than a hand pump.

Midlanders quickly learned, however, that water wells alone were not enough to quench the collective thirsts of the community.

In 1905, water was being hauled into the town by mule teams, evidence of the insatiable need for water. As Coronado and Marcy knew, the need for water is not a habit that can be broken.

Since people began the effort to tame this parched prairieland, the scarcity of water has been a perennial challenge and drought a frequent companion. During the dust bowl era of the 1930s, dark clouds of eroded top soil limited visibility to a few feet. That pattern was repeated, though not to the same magnitude, during the 1950s when automobile headlights were needed during the daytime as drivers maneuvered through dust storms.

Today, the severity of the current drought intensifies with each passing week as prospects of rainfall grow dimmer.

Is this drought worse than the ones of previous years?

Although each generation may boast that the current drought is not as bad as one they endured before, no other drought has affected as many people as the population living in Midland now.

For a community that averages 12 inches to 14 inches of rainfall annually, the 0.11 inches of precipitation so far this year engenders a challenge no less than the question faced by Coronado and Capt. Marcy. What happens if we run out of water?

A message of wisdom is found in Poor Richard's Almanac, 1776: "We never know the worth of water till the well is dry."

WILLIAMSON

From 1B

I took the family once to visit relatives in Elk City, Okla. There were absolutely no laws in that town. Fireworks were indiscriminately tossed at will. You were responsible for your own safety.

Oh, there were public fireworks in Elk City, but you didn't have time to watch them because you were dodging bottle rockets and avoiding other assorted land mines. It was a bit like being in Vietnam. My youngest daughter, about 2 at the time, was crying, "God, please save us." I quite agreed.

Now it's my grandkids who hold their ears and cry during the fireworks as we start the celebration all over for a third generation. I hope that eventually they will carry good memories of the Fourth of July and pass the tradition to their children.

If you have fond memories of the Fourth of July, it's a great bet that you love your life in this nation. So build some memories this Fourth.

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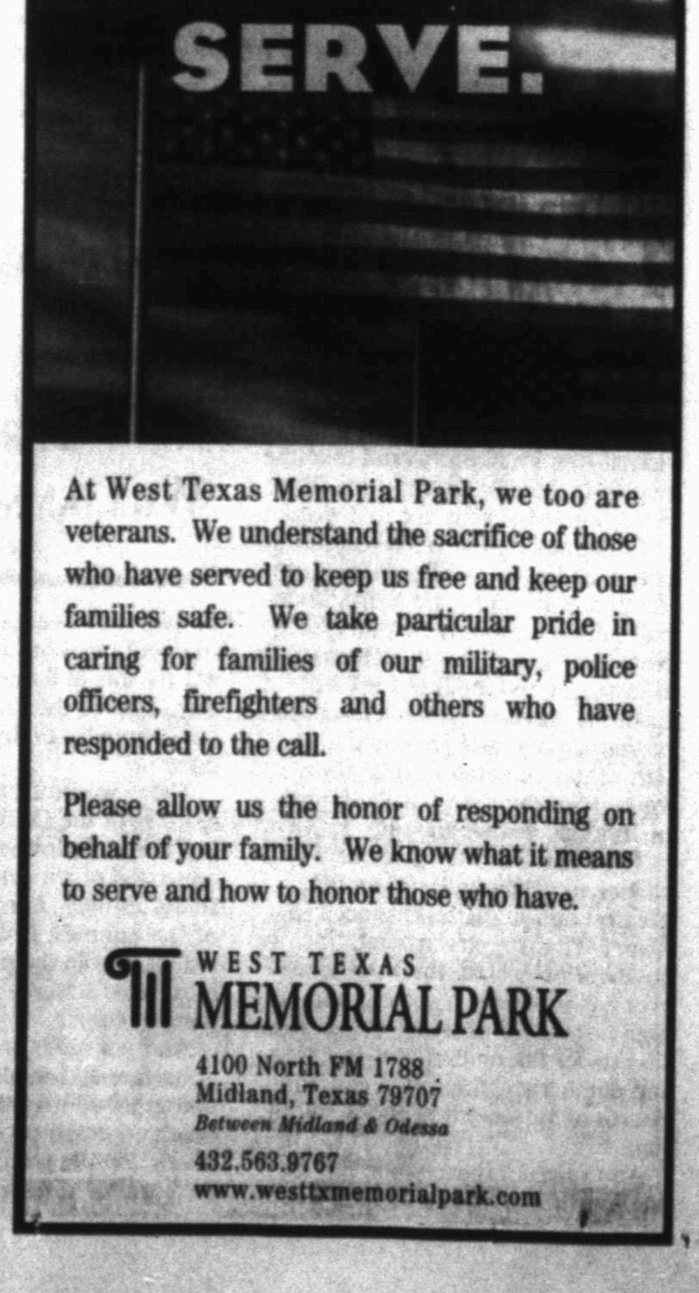

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Rick Perry: Deft leader or Teflon governor?

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

Gov. Rick Perry went five-for-six on the emergency issues he declared for this session. A ban on sanctuary cities, an idea borne of his 2010 reelection campaign, died in the Senate during the regular session and in the House during the special session. Everything else got through the Legislature: Voter ID, pre-abortion sonograms, limits on eminent domain, an appeal to Congress for a balanced federal budget, and making losers pay the costs of the lawsuits they start.

Some of those were outright wins, like the Voter ID bill that reads pretty much like its promoters wanted it to read. Some, like loser pays, were heavily amended versions of what was originally proposed. It's still a potent political line, but isn't the big policy change Perry and others originally sought.

Conservatives — even some who aren't happy with the session's outcomes — generally praise the governor. He's got a knack for keeping the factions in the party happy, or at least subdued in their criticism. Attribute it to a Teflon coating, to his decisive win in a divided primary against U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and GOP activist Debra Medina last year, or to luck, but Perry is coming out of the legislative session without many bruises.

"I would say it's masterful," said Michael Williams, a former railroad commissioner who's now running for Congress. "I don't think I've seen a politician as artful as Perry."

He remarked on Perry's ability to recover from missteps like his "alphabet" proposals for TTC and HPV, or the Trans Texas Corridor and the human papillomavirus vaccine. Neither issue hurt him in his elections, and two of his emergency issues this session — eminent domain and sonograms — play well with the groups most upset by the earlier miscues.

Will that work elsewhere if Perry runs a national campaign?

"What we do down here plays a little differently down here than in the rest of the country," said Williams.

Tea party and social conservatives like what Perry says, even if what comes out in Austin is something short of what was promised, said Harold Cook, a Democratic consultant.

"There's a good reason why Republicans say buzzwords like 'states rights,'" he said. "He's giving them the buzzwords to hear that he's one of them, while leaving the rest of the electorate clueless."

■ Analysis

For most of the year, the governor let lawmakers do their thing. His staff monitored and advised, but he asserted himself infrequently. Exceptions included his vocal opposition to any budget relying on money from the rainy day fund, and his threat to call a special session on the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association if lawmakers didn't institute reforms that cut costs and lawyer fees in lawsuits stemming from hurricane and other storm claims.

He ended up compromising on the budget issue, telling lawmakers he didn't object to using rainy day money to help cover a $4 billion deficit in the current budget. And he didn't object when clever budgeteers chopped $4.8 billion from Medicaid spending and promised to make it up with either changes in law, better efficiency, or with a draw on the rainy day fund in January 2013.

Early in the session, the governor sided with budget hawks who wanted to cut spending in the 2012-13 budget by about $28 billion. That number came up significantly as budget writers did their work and the House and Senate negotiated over whether and how much to cut schools, nursing homes, and other specific areas and programs. Perry stuck with his general orders — balance the budget without new taxes and without spending the RDF — but left the details to legislators.

He did get them to write a budget without increasing taxes, whether it ends up — after Medicaid is patched over — actually cutting overall spending. And without any of the adjustments that will probably be done in 20 months or so, the new budget is smaller than the current one.

The sanctuary cities legislation didn't make it.

With his emergency order, Perry plucked that issue from a long list of immigration reforms pushed by the Republican Party of Texas, legislators, outside groups, talk show hosts and writers, elevating it and leaving the rest of the list for others to worry about. On this issue, the Republican rhetoric was stronger than the governor's remedy.

Perry has been outspoken about the porous U.S. border with Mexico and about the need for border security. That's been featured in both of his last two campaigns, and with some of the same footage of the governor talking to law enforcement people on the Rio Grande.

The state GOP platform on immigration is explicit. It includes support for "… criminal penalties and aggressive enforcement for those who knowingly employ illegal workers … amending the U.S. constitution to suspend automatic U.S. citizenship to children born to illegal immigrants; elimination of federal and state funding to cities with 'sanctuary' laws; empowering state and local law enforcement agencies with authority and resources to detain illegal immigrants … elimination of day labor work centers … elimination of laws requiring hospitals to give non-emergency care to illegals … elimination of social security benefits or federal and state funding to illegals for education, housing or business loans … requiring all employers to utilize E-verify system to confirm the legal status of all new hires."

From that list, sanctuary cities is the immigration issue he chose to highlight and, having done so, let lawmakers do their work.

"The far right would have liked it better if Perry had gone whole hog and done a full Arizona on that policy front," said Cook. "Perry understands the nuance, I think. He said from the start that the Arizona way wouldn't work in Texas."

It passed the House and died in the Senate during the regular session. It passed the Senate more than a week before the end of the special session and never advanced in the House. In a news release on the final day, Perry singled out Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, for refusing to put the immigration legislation into a budget bill. Duncan replied that the bill was in enough trouble without the sanctuary cities controversy and, in fact, it initially failed in the House before Republicans caucused, flipped some votes, and won approval.

The governor also danced between his party's conservatives and its moderates on what became known as the TSA "anti-groping" bill — a proposed restriction on invasive pat-downs by federal security guards at airports and other public buildings. It failed during the regular session.

Perry added it to the special session agenda with only ten days left, after a widely circulated video of an activist asking him at a book-signing why it wasn't on the list.

Democrats have shot at US Senate seat, poll says

By Reeve Hamilton and Ingrid Husby
Texas Tribune

Democrats may have a shot at the seat being vacated by Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, according to a new poll from Public Policy Polling, a left-leaning polling firm.

Republicans have the clear advantage. With little party crossover, the poll found them starting out with a 44-35 advantage.

But independents favored Democrats in every match-up, indicating Democrats could eke it out if they find a strong enough candidate or draw a weak opponent.

Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who has not yet formally announced a campaign, is currently the strongest of all the candidates. On the Democratic side of the aisle, the strongest challenge would come from Tommy Lee Jones, the Oscar-winning actor. Jones has not expressed interest in the seat, but there is a movement afoot to draft him. Dewhurst currently leads Jones by four points, 43-39.

Dewhurst fares even better when paired with other possible Democratic contenders, like former general Ricardo Sanchez and former state Comptroller John Sharp.

Meanwhile, Jones only trails former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, a Republican, by one point. He even beats Republican Ted Cruz, the state's former solicitor general, by the same margin.

"Democrats would need a lot of things to break their way to pick up this seat, but it's not completely outside the realm of possibility," Dean Debnam, president of Public Policy Polling, said in a statement. "Certainly their prospects look better than they did earlier in the year."

A lack of name recognition remains an issue in the race. According to the poll, Dewhurst's is at 55 percent, Sharp's is 39 percent, Sanchez's is 33 percent, Leppert's is 32 percent, and Cruz is trailing with 25 percent.

Jones, the only non-politician in the poll, is the only one with positive favorability ratings.

Notably absent from the poll are some other Republican options, including Railroad Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones, a declared candidate, and state Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, who is considering a run.

The survey, conducted from June 25-27, included 795 Texas voters and has a margin of error of 3.5 percent.

Miss Frisco named Miss Texas

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Kendall Morris, Miss Frisco, was crowned Miss Texas on Friday night and will move on to compete for the Miss America crown.

The first runner-up was Adrianna Nelson, Miss Harris County.

Second runner-up was Miss Lake O' The Pines, DaNae Couch. Third runner-up was Miss Colleyville, Jordan Johannsen, and fourth runner-up went to Miss Dallas, Candice Bennatt.

The Miss Texas Organization describes the purpose of the competition as providing personal and professional opportunities for young Texas women and promoting their voice in culture, politics and community.

PERRY

From 1B

This past week, Perry was in California for a run of private meetings with members of Congress, conservative activists, CEOs and potential fundraisers. On Friday, he underwent minor back surgery and has no events planned this week.

Perry's first stop should he announce is almost sure to be Iowa, where voters in its Republican caucuses are nearly all white and roughly 60 percent describe themselves as born-again or evangelical Christians, according to entrance polls from the 2008 GOP caucuses.

In Texas, Perry has enjoyed "astronomical support" from protestant Christian conservatives and evangelical white Christians, Henson said.

"You have to count religious conservatives in Texas as among the components of Perry's base," he said. "People that go to church a lot are disproportionately Perry people."

Past entrance polls also found nearly 90 percent of GOP caucus goers considered themselves conservative, including 45 percent who say they are "very conservative." While Perry would not be alone among candidates on the right in the Republican field, joining Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann and others, few in the race could claim deeper conservative bona fides.

Daron Shaw, a Texas-based pollster who worked for former President George W. Bush's 2000 campaign, cautions against a belief the conservative base in the two states are identical.

Social conservatives in Texas tend to be from the state's rural areas and are voters who have an "intense mistrust of government." They are, he said, "more libertarian, tea party, anti-government, pull-yourself-up-by-your bootstraps."

Iowa's conservative Republicans are more "small town" than purely rural, Shaw said. They're "true, classic social conservatives interested in questions of religion and morality. They think the current occupants of government offices have lost faith, lost their way," he said.

The differences, however, don't matter to Perry.

A fierce advocate for states' rights who once flirted with the idea of Texas seceding from the union, he has admitted his past attacks on Washington might actually make him too conservative to run for president.

Perry is also a deeply religious man who recently invited the nation's governors to an evangelical prayer rally in Houston.

"Perry actually appeals to both of those," Shaw said.

To compete, of course, Perry will need to win votes in more places than Iowa. Dave Carney, Perry's senior political strategist, said there are plenty of voters in states whose primaries follow the Iowa caucuses who also look a lot like the voters in Texas — a state where Perry has never lost an election.

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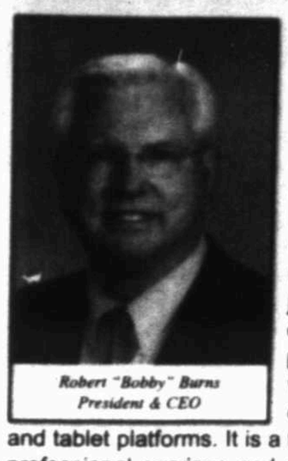

Robert "Bobby" Burns
President & CEO

Did you notice anything different about this page? There are actually several changes. First and foremost, the Chamber's logo has changed. The new logo stays true to our roots as the *Tall City* with a bold, fresh, new look. You'll also notice a new title to the page. The name *Business Matters* was carefully selected to engage business owners *AND* their customers. In Midland, Texas, business really does matter! Lastly, there's a new tagline, "Creating the Best Business Climate on the Planet!" As President & CEO of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, I can assure you that this is not just a catchy phrase. Our Board of Directors and staff are dedicated to making that vision a reality. To that end, we are proud to launch a mobile application, linking our community with our Chamber businesses. *MyChamberApp* is free to download and is supported on all the major smartphone and tablet platforms. It is a terrific tool to help consumers locate restaurants, shopping, professional services and much more! More information on how to access and use *MyChamberApp* is in this edition of *Business Matters*.

I'd also like to invite you to hear Chancellor Kent R. Hance of the Texas Tech University System. Chancellor Hance will be serving as the keynote speaker for the Chamber's Annual Meeting on September 7, 2011. As chancellor, Hance is the chief executive officer of all campuses and academic sites of Texas Tech University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and Angelo State University. He is focusing his energies on continuing quality enrollment growth, enhancing research in areas of excellence and accentuating the programs and opportunities that prepare students for professional and personal success. The Midland Chamber of Commerce shares this vision. An educated workforce is essential to the future of business! I hope you will join us for this auspicious occasion. For tickets or more information, please call 432-683-3381.

Finally, if your business is not a member of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, I would like to extend an invitation to join us. As the saying goes, membership has its privileges!

Sincerely,

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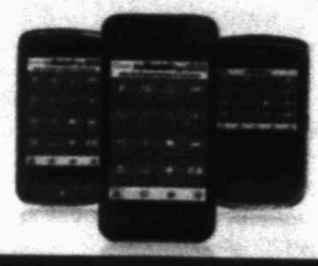

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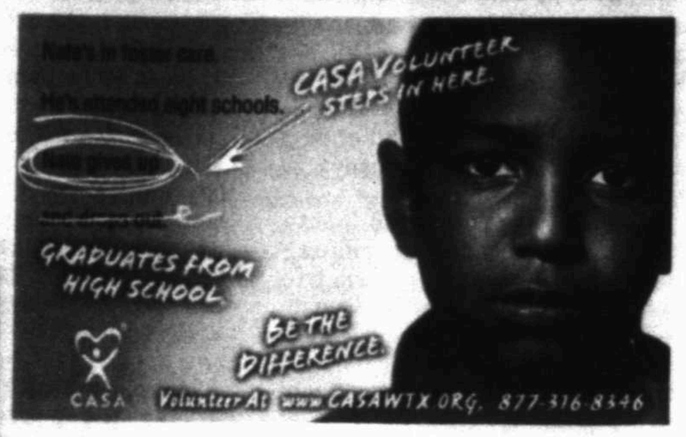

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Chamber Hosts Annual Meeting

The Midland Chamber of Commerce will host its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2011. This year's meeting will feature keynote speaker, Chancellor Kent R. Hance of the Texas Tech University System. The Chamber of Commerce recognizes education as an integral part of business. An educated workforce is absolutely essential to business and economic growth.

Chancellor Kent R. Hance

Local businesses will be honored with the Business of the Year Awards in both the small business and medium/large business categories. The Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau will also recognize key volunteers who are dedicated to service and excellence.

The event will be held at the Midland Center, located at 105 N. Main. Doors will open 11:00 a.m., with lunch served until 11:45 a.m.

Individual tickets are $55 and can be ordered online at *www.midlandtxchamber.com* or by calling 432-683-3381. Sponsorships are also available and include reserved group seating.

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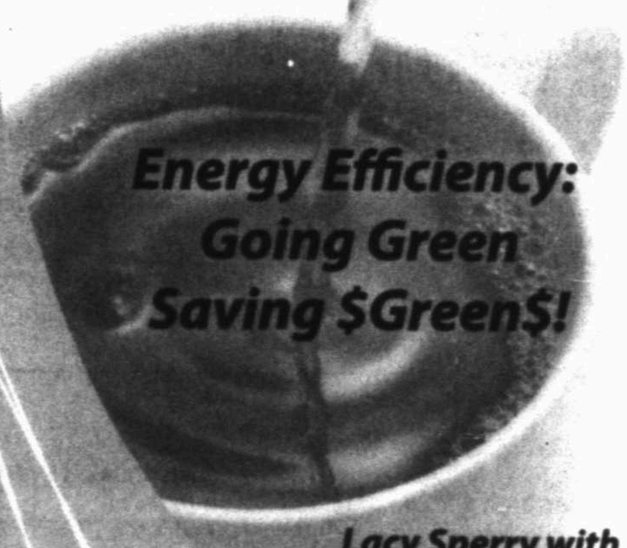

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Networking Opportunities

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During the month of July, the Chamber will host and/or sponsor a number of events to provide networking opportunities. Be sure to take adavantage of Business at the Ballpark, the monthly networking breakfast and Business After Hours. These events are always fun, engaging and most importantly, productive!

Business After Hours for July will be hosted by First Capital Bank of Texas.

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President's Club Top Achiever

Rozann Taylor
Retired, Tom Woodruff Homes

Rozann Taylor was awarded "Top Achiever" for the month of May. Second was Bob Taylor with NTS Communications and placing third was, Roy Nelson with State Farm Insurance.

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'Pork chopper bill' has helicopter owners in the hunt

By William Pack
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — New legislation aimed at reducing Texas' massive feral hog population also is expected to put some sizzle in the state's helicopter services sector and create a new breed of hunter-tourist.

The legislation, nicknamed the "pork chopper bill," will allow hunters to pay landowners and helicopter companies for the thrill of climbing aboard a helicopter to shoot and kill feral hogs and coyotes.

In a hunting-crazed state like Texas, it is expected to draw sizeable interest, which could keep the copters flying more often than they did before.

Previously, landowners were prohibited from accepting payment from hunters to shoot the beasts from the air. The legislation has been signed by the governor and will take effect Sept. 1.

Helicopter companies in the state are gearing up to handle the new business.

"I've had people contact me from Alaska who want to come down to do it," said Dustin Johnson, owner of Cedar Ridge Aviation in Knox City in North Texas. He plans to charge $600 an hour per person, but that hasn't tempered interest.

"It's definitely going to boost business," said Mike Morgan, president of Vertex Helicopters in Houston, who could add two copters to his fleet because of the anticipated growth. "We get 10-15 calls about it a day at times."

Joseph Meyer, owner of Flying J Services in Jourdanton, was more reserved about the outlook. While he expects his business to grow by about 20 percent, liability and cost issues associated with the new service could keep it from booming, he said.

"It's going to help the farmers more than it's going to help our industry," Meyer said.

Texas has the biggest feral hog infestation in the country, with close to 2.8 million hogs and they are reproducing rapidly, wildlife officials said. The hogs use their noses to root up fields, destroy fences and tear down crops. They also have attacked fawns and other vulnerable animals.

Studies suggest the wild pigs could be responsible for more than $520 million in agricultural damage a year in Texas.

"I hope there is huge demand," said state Rep. Sid Miller, R-Stephenville, who authored the legislation. He is also a rancher and has experienced the damage that hogs and coyotes create. "The whole purpose is to get rid of the hogs."

While the new law will open up the sector to hunters, officials took pains to keep the activity from being viewed as a sporting hunt, which is disallowed by federal law when aircraft are involved.

The state currently authorizes aerial hunting of pigs only to control the damage they do to property, an exception allowed in law. The new legislation retains that limitation.

But helicopter operators are concerned about collateral damage that could result from the new legislation: damage to the aircraft themselves.

With hunters unaccustomed to shooting from aircraft, the copters themselves could be shot and even taken down by an irresponsible gunman. Some companies are setting up safety courses for their new hunting customers to go through to reduce risks.

Vertex, for instance, has established a full-day training course costing $350 that all of its hunters will be required to take on aerial hunting safety.

"We don't want any Joe off the street jumping into my aircraft and starting shooting without some kind of training," said Morgan. "I want everyone we send out to come back home safely."

Tribes fear loss of sacred sites near NM fire

By P. Solomon Banda and Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

SANTA CLARA PUEBLO, N.M. — A wildfire that forced federal employees to flee the desert birthplace of the atomic bomb neared the sacred sites of several American Indian tribes on Saturday, raising fears that tribal lands passed down for generations would be destroyed.

More than 1,600 firefighters were working to stop the 177-square-mile fire in northern New Mexico as it burned through a canyon on the Santa Clara Pueblo reservation and threatened other pueblos on the Parajito Plateau.

The area, a stretch of mesas that run more than 15 miles west of Santa Fe, N.M., includes the town of Los Alamos and the Los Alamos National Laboratory, the nation's premier nuclear weapons laboratory.

Residents have worried that the blaze would reach Cold War-era waste stored on lab property, releasing contaminants into the air. But tribes have turned their concerns to the cabins, pueblos and watersheds that are in the path of the largest wildfire ever in state history.

Associated Press

Firefighter Brandon DeLong, left, and Andrew Buus conduct a burnout operation while battling the Las Conchas fire near Los Alamos, N.M., on Friday. As firefighters held their ground Friday on the flank of the massive wildfire that burned near the nation's premier nuclear weapons laboratory, officials at the lab and in the surrounding town began planning for the return of thousands of residents and employees who fled the area earlier this week.

"We were also praying on our knees, we were asking the Creator in our cultural way to please forgive us, 'What have we done?'" Santa Clara Pueblo Gov. Walter Dasheno said. "Bring moisture so that the Mother Fire can be stopped. But that was not meant to be."

About 2,800 tribe members live in the dusty village nestled in New Mexico's high desert, where they depend on ponds that provide water for irrigation.

The blaze reached the Santa Clara Pueblo's watershed earlier this week, damaging the cultural site and scorching 20 square miles of tribal forest. Fire operations chief Jerome MacDonald said it was within miles of the centuries-old Puye Cliff Dwellings, a national historic landmark.

Pueblo Fire Chief Mel Tafoya said it was unclear whether cabins in the canyon leading to the forested area or the irrigation ponds survived the blaze. Members of the state's congressional delegation have promised federal help for the tribe pending a damage assessment.

Dasheno said that despite the pain of losing an estimated 75 percent of the tribe's forest to three recent fires, "we are going to come back."

"We're going to tell the story of what occurred to our children and grandchildren. And yes, we're going to cry," he said.

To Santa Clara's south, Cochiti Pueblo also was worried about damage to ground cover affecting its watershed.

Archaeological sites at the northern end of the blaze at Bandelier National Monument hold great significance to area tribes. About half of the park has burned, Bandelier superintendent Jason Lott said.

Authorities said the fire, in its sixth day, has been fueled by an exceptionally dry season in the Southwest and erratic winds. It surpassed a 2003 fire that took five months to burn through 94,000 acres in the Gila National Forest.

Crews have managed to keep the fire several miles upslope from the federal laboratory, boosting confidence that it no longer posed an immediate threat to the facility or the nearby town.

Firefighters were hoping to make progress with higher humidity Saturday, but worried about afternoon thunderstorms moving into the area.

Los Alamos County Fire Chief Doug Tucker sent some firefighters home to rest so they could resume regular duties once residents return home.

BASIN ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FORT STOCKTON

Johnson to stay, for now, as groundwater counsel

Russell Johnson, the City of Fort Stockton's special counsel for groundwater matters, will remain so, at least for the time being.

Following a brief discussion, the Fort Stockton City Council Tuesday night decided not to decide just yet. The council voted to table the agenda item in order to further study whether Johnson should stay on as groundwater counsel for the city.

Mayor Bill Lannom asked the council to discontinue Johnson's services, saying it was time to "join the county's team." He said he had discussed the removal of Johnson with Pecos County Judge Joe Shuster and Precinct 1 Commissioner George Riggs, and Lannom said the two "strongly recommended" it.

Mitro bullish on wind energy

Fred Mitro, the senior business developer for BP Wind Energy, believes in wind energy. To him, wind energy is not only safe, clean and becoming much more affordable, but its production potential is vast.

BP Wind Energy currently has interests in 13 wind farms, with four in Texas — two of those in Pecos County.

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ALPINE

County Commission OKs truck purchase for AVFD

Future firefighting efforts in Brewster County will benefit from the addition of a new truck to the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department's stable of emergency vehicles.

County commissioners voted unanimously Monday to approve the purchase of a new brush truck for the AVFD.

The AVFD currently has three brush trucks; the addition of a fourth will give the fire department a full complement of such vehicles, according to Brewster County Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Santry.

5K race to be held at Kokernot Lodge

The fifth annual "Branding Together Race for Sully" 5K run/walk is scheduled to be held, rain or shine, on Saturday.

The event, hosted by the Sul Ross State University Alumni Association, begins and ends at Kokernot Lodge. The run/walk begins at 8 a.m., with a registration fee of $20 per person, and $10 to Sul Ross faculty, staff and students enrolled in Summer II classes with current ID. Children 18 and under will need a parent's or guardian's signature to register.

An award ceremony will take place immediately following the race.

The event is open to casual walkers, family fitness fans and serious runners alike. Walkers, wheelchairs, wagons and strollers are welcome.

For more information, visit www.alpine-avalanche.com.

ODESSA

Channel 10 gives last broadcast

ECISD's Channel 10 went across the airways for its last broadcast at 4:10 p.m. Thursday. The screen turned black, then blue.

Though it has been around since 1982, the station is being eliminated as part of the Ector County Independent School District's plan to cut $16.799 million from its 2011-12 budget in order to deal with state funding cuts.

The district anticipates that closing Channel 10 will save it $331,200 next year.

The final broadcast? The Permian High School graduation ceremonies, with no other farewell given.

For more information, visit www.oaoa.com.

BIG SPRING

2 killed in separate accidents

At least two people were killed Wednesday afternoon in a pair of traffic accidents involving tractor trailers, as law enforcement officials investigate crashes on Interstate Highway 20 and U.S. Highway 350.

The first accident was reported near the intersection of U.S. Highway 350 and Piper Road shortly after noon. Lois Rhoton, 84, of Big Spring, was pronounced dead at Scenic Mountain Medical Center by Justice of the Peace Bennie Green approximately an hour after the accident, according to law enforcement officials.

A second accident was reported at approximately 2:20 p.m. on Interstate Highway 20 near the 172 mile marker, according to Midland Department of Public Safety Communications Officer Regina Sutton. According to the DPS accident report, Gary Blake Truitt, 56, of Abilene, was pronounced dead at approximately 3 p.m. at the scene of the one-vehicle accident.

Highland Parade to take place Monday

Patriotism isn't just for adults.

For more than 30 years, the Highland July 4 Parade has shown that you don't have to be a grownup to show your love for all things red, white and blue.

The annual parade will be held along Highland Drive Monday morning, said Melanie Laudermilk, one of the event's organizers.

The parade, featuring children decked out in all kinds of patriotic regalia, begins at 10 a.m. Monday at the intersection of Highland and Robb drives and will end at the intersection of Highland and Goliad.

Entries will be accepted the day of the parade. Participants are asked to arrive by 9:30 a.m. so the judges will have plenty of time to view the entries, Laudermilk said.

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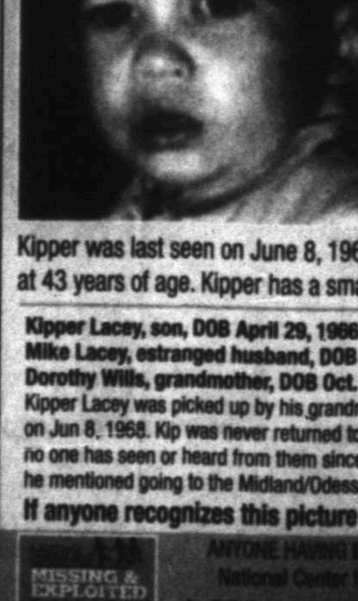

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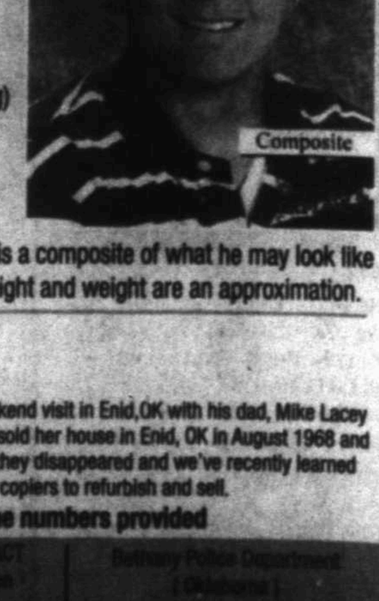

Composite

Kipper was last seen on June 8, 1968. The photo on the right is a composite of what he may look like at 43 years of age. Kipper has a small scar near his lip. His height and weight are an approximation.

Kipper Lacey, son, DOB April 29, 1966
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Dorothy Wills, grandmother, DOB Oct. 16, 1914
Kipper Lacey was picked up by his grandmother, Dorothy Wills for a weekend visit in Enid,OK with his dad, Mike Lacey on Jun 8, 1968. Kip was never returned to his mother. The grandmother sold her house in Enid, OK in August 1968 and no one has seen or heard from them since. Mike worked for SCM when they disappeared and we've recently learned he mentioned going to the Midland/Odessa area to purchase some used copiers to refurbish and sell.
If anyone recognizes this picture please contact the phone numbers provided

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NEW MEXICO

Farmington man prepping annual fireworks show

FARMINGTON — Tommy Bolack is a self-described "thump junkie."

The Farmington man puts on a half-hour fireworks show every Fourth of July, and he doesn't hold anything back.

Monday will mark his 20th year of doing the show.

Bolack tells the Farmington Daily Times that his fireworks show is his gift to the area.

Every year, Bolack purchases a large amount of fireworks in a variety of sizes and styles. As the Fourth draws near, he begins the lengthy process of organizing, checking and — in some cases — adding color.

This year, Bolack said he spent $6,500 purchasing 400 loaded shots, or mortars, along with 500 "cake shots" that are 3-inches or shorter.

Bolack lets his pyrotechnics loose from a cliff on the south side of the San Juan River.

NEW MEXICO

Trial set for Oct. 31 in judicial bribery case

LAS CRUCES — A trial is scheduled for late October for a Las Cruces judge charged with bribery in an alleged pay-to-play scheme for judicial appointments.

Jury selection is to begin Oct. 31 in the case against state District Court Judge Michael Murphy. A scheduling order was filed in the case earlier this week.

Murphy pleaded not guilty in May to felony charges, including bribery and intimidation of a witness.

According to a report by prosecution investigators, Murphy told a Las Cruces lawyer in 2007 that she needed to make weekly payments in the form of campaign contributions — and deliver them to a local political figure — to get a district court appointment by then Gov. Bill Richardson.

OKLAHOMA

Train partially derails in Tulsa; no injuries

TULSA — A Burlington Northern Santa Fe spokesman said tanker cars from a train have derailed in Tulsa but no one was injured.

The company said nine cars went off the tracks and seven turned over on their sides during the Saturday afternoon accident south of downtown Tulsa. Television station KOTV reports the cars are thought to carry anhydrous ammonia but are believed to be empty.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe has sent an environmental team to the site to ensure the derailment caused no environmental damage.

The company said it's bringing in heavy equipment to clear the area and repair the tracks.

OKLAHOMA

Board puts 2 school sites up for sale

BARTLESVILLE — The Bartlesville school board is putting two school properties up for sale as it prepares for a projected $2.2 million cut in state aid for this fiscal year.

The Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise reports the board declared Oak Park Elementary School and the McKinley school properties as surplus and will sell them using sealed bids.

Superintendent Gary Quinn says a date will be set to open public bidding.

The board voted 6-0 in May to close Oak Park Elementary. Quinn says closing the school is expected to save the district about $600,000.

The McKinley property now houses the district's child nutrition, adult education, Even Start and Operation Eagle programs as well as its technology group. A district spokesman said those services are being moved to another site.

Some oppose proposal to expand E-Verify

By Jeanna Smialek
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, is pushing to require that employers use the federal government's E-Verify system to check the immigration status of job applicants.

Smith contends that his legislation would prevent the hiring of undocumented workers.

The E-Verify system electronically checks the validity of names and Social Security numbers that job applicants provide.

The computer-based system compares that data with Social Security Administration and Department of Homeland Security databases.

Employers currently must document names and Social Security numbers by asking applicants for such documents as their birth certificate, driver's license or passport and then completing I-9 forms verifying that the applicants are legally in the U.S.

That procedure would be replaced with E-Verify.

Smith's proposal has sparked a firestorm of criticism from libertarians and other critics of government regulation.

"Congress tends to want to sprinkle technology onto economic and social problems and think that that will make them go away," said Jim Harper, director of information policy studies at the libertarian Cato Institute.

Scholars and politicians who oppose the bill — including some of Smith's fellow Republicans — told a conference Thursday that the proposal would lead to a more intrusive federal government but would not solve the underlying problem of a broken immigration system.

"The core GOP values are supposed to be about free markets and limited government," said Alex Nowrasteh, a policy analyst with Competitive Enterprise, a free enterprise advocacy group that sponsored the briefing.

"Regulations are really a great, violent predator in American businesses," he said.

Current rules require the federal government, government contractors and a limited category of other employers to use E-Verify.

E-Verify is 99.5 percent effective, according the Center for Immigration Studies, a group that urges immigration-limiting policies. However, critics of E-Verify complain that it creates a hassle for those it incorrectly classes as undocumented, can drive undocumented workers into the underground economy and can cause undocumented workers to commit more careful identity fraud to fool the system.

Smith, who introduced the bill June 14, says the legislation could help to employ Americans, since the program would prevent undocumented workers, 7 million of whom currently work in the United States, from obtaining jobs.

"There is no other legislation that can be enacted that will create more jobs for American workers," Smith said in a statement.

Smith's legislation would require large companies to begin using the system within six months and smaller companies over the course of two years and agricultural businesses within the next three years.

Though current law fines companies caught knowingly hiring undocumented employees, they would face higher sanctions under the legislation.

Bob Barr, a former Republican representative from Georgia, joined other speakers in criticizing E-Verify as expensive and contended that its expansion would cause the federal government to lose tax revenue by driving workers into under-the-table jobs.

"Rather than address a particular problem ... what they decide to do is set up a very, very expensive national database and require all employers, employees, and potential employees to register with the government," Barr said.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated in 2008 that a national E-Verify mandate could cost up to $17.3 billion in lost tax revenue over a 10-year period, plus implementation costs.

Despite the controversy, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, National Restaurant Association, National Association of Home Builders and Associated Builders and Contractors join other groups in supporting the bill.

Smith and Rep. Elton Gallegly, R-California, chairman of the subcommittee on immigration policy and enforcement, say that more than 250,000 employers currently use E-Verify and an average of 1,300 new businesses sign up each week.

By contrast, agricultural lobbies strongly oppose the measure and argue that it would cripple their workforce.

"It's still an eventual death knell in terms of what workers they will have available," said Stuart Anderson, the executive director of the National Foundation for American Policy, a free-market advocacy group.

A study by the Public Policy Institute of California, a non-partisan research organization, found that after Arizona mandated the system's use from 2008 to 2009 — with the threat of sanctions for businesses who "knowingly" hired undocumented workers — the state's population of unauthorized immigrants of working age fell by about 17 percent, or about 92,000 people.

The same study found that Hispanic self-employment rose by 25,000.

The institute said that "unauthorized workers (were) being pushed into informal or underground employment."

Helmut Newton exhibit set to open today

Associated Press

HOUSTON — An exhibit of works by world-renowned fashion photographer Helmut Newton opening today in Houston includes all of the photographs from his first three books.

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston said in a news release that "Helmut Newton: White Women, Sleepless Nights, Big Nudes" is the first large-scale U.S. exhibition of Newton's work.

The exhibit takes its name from the titles of the first three books: "White Women" from 1976, "Sleepless Nights" from 1978 and "Big Nudes" from 1982.

More than 200 photographs from the books will be on display through Sept. 25.

The prints that will be displayed were made specifically for the exhibit. They're large-scale, with some as big as 8 by 8 feet.

"Helmut Newton's images moved beyond the accepted standard of how females could be portrayed, and many women found their own sexuality empowered by his work," Anne Tucker, the museum's photography curator, said in a statement.

"His distinct, risque photographs present what were, arguably, the world's most beautiful models in a range of personalities."

Who knew? National anthem has 4 verses

Associated Press

DALLAS — Sure, Christina Aguilera had trouble with the first stanza of "The Star-Spangled Banner" at Super Bowl XLV, but it's probably a good thing she didn't have to tackle verses two, three and four.

That's right. The national anthem doesn't end with one verse and a declaration to kick things off, play ball or start your engines.

"I don't think most people even know there are multiple stanzas," said Jeffrey Snider, chairman of the vocal music department at the University of North Texas.

Snider got an understanding of how unfamiliar many people are with the national anthem last year when he posted a third stanza excerpt on his Facebook page during the 9/11 anniversary.

"People were sort of offended by the militaristic tone, unaware that I was quoting the third stanza," Snider said.

And where is that band
who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war
and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country
should leave us no more!

Kevin Hanlon, associate professor of music at Southern Methodist University, said people may be avoiding the additional stanzas because they are more specific, giving details about the battle for Fort McHenry in Baltimore. And the words were penned using the language of 1814.

"That's sort of a confusing thing to get people involved in," he said. "The notes are hard enough to hit as it is. It's an incredibly gymnastic melody."

Georgetown lawyer and amateur poet Francis Scott Key wrote "Defense of Fort McHenry," a poem describing his eyewitness account of the British naval attack on Fort McHenry.

Key's poem was printed in a Baltimore newspaper and later set to music, a means of spreading news to the illiterate.

Snider has yet to pin down a reason we just sing the first verse.

"I don't know that it was ever established that the first verse was the verse to be done," he said, noting that more than one verse has been performed at a sporting event, although very rarely.

Proponents of the full lyrics note that the first stanza ends in a question. "Does that star-spangled banner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"

Key's first verse leaves you hanging, Snider said.

"It wasn't until dawn and he could see the flag that he still knew it was in American hands," he said.

The additional verses are tough, but sb is the song's range.

The musical trip from "Oh, say" to "the home of the brave" covers 11/2 octaves.

"It's really beyond the range of most untrained singers," Snider said.

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WHO WANTS TO GO OVER THE EDGE

About Over the Edge

Buffalo Trail Council, BSA will host this unique event for the first time in Midland this August to benefit the Scouting program in West Texas. This fundraiser will feature a "once in a lifetime opportunity" to rappel down the side of one of the tallest building in Downtown Midland.

All participants will be treated likes VIP's while their supporters cheer them on during their thrilling descent!

How to Participate

To secure a place, each participant needs to raise a minimum of $1,200 for the chance to go...OVER THE EDGE! Once you hit your goal of $1,200 you're in! But remember, all proceeds go to charity so continue to keep raising money!

The Jump

There will be two rappelling sessions, one for the media taking place Wednesday, August 24 and the other for the public which will be Thursday, August 25. Watch for more information on the building selected for this event.

Frank Cowden, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to Brance R. Armstrong, Troop 775 of Odessa, who is this year's Frank Cowden, Jr. Memorial Scholarship winner. He will receive $3,000.00 for college to be divided equally between the fall 2011 and spring 2012 semesters. Brance plans to attend Abilene Christian University this fall majoring in Multi-Media Communications.

Frank Cowden, Jr., a West Texan, served our Nation in World War II, and then devoted his life to family, church, ranching and community. His long list of community services includes being the first president of the directors or Midland Memorial Hospital, Hospital Trustee, and member of it's Board of Governors. He also served on the governing boards of Midland Independent School District, Midland College Foundation, Midland Chamber of Commerce, and United Way, just to name a few. A lifelong supporter of Boy Scouts, he received the Silver Beaver Award and was the recipient of the first Distinguished Citizen's Award by the Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America.

This scholarship was created by Mrs. June Cowden in memory of her husband Frank who died in 2006, and in honor of his longtime devotion to the Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America. This fund provides higher education scholarships for young men of the council who earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Administered by the Permian Basin Area Foundation, information and application for the Frank Cowden, Jr. Memorial Scholarship is available on their website at www.pbaf.org.

Summer brings new experiences to new Scouts

New Cub Scouts from Midland area schools are getting a taste of what Scouting has to offer through a special summer program.

Chaparral District Director Karl Boroski and program aide Paul Aguirre have introduced a group of boys and their parents to Scouting through experience such as sleepovers , museum tours, archery lessons and taking in a Sockers game.

These Scouts will have the opportunity to join a pack this fall but in the meantime, they are able to enjoy all Scouting has to offer during the Summer months.

"Many people think that Cub Scouts take the summer off but that isn't true," said Boroski. "Actually, that is when all the fun begins."

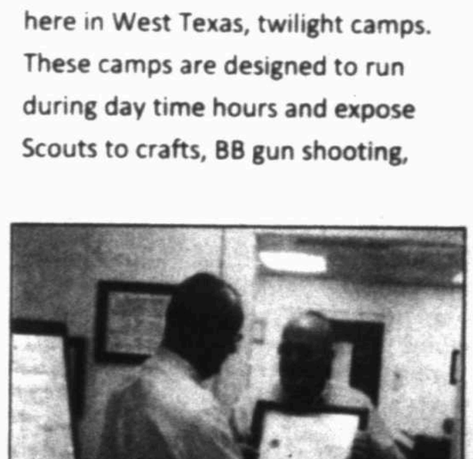
That fun includes day camps, or here in West Texas, twilight camps. These camps are designed to run during day time hours and expose Scouts to crafts, BB gun shooting,

An Eagle Scout project not just for the birds

Paintball enthusiast, private pilot, church multimedia director, prop master and future entrepreneur all describe one of the Buffalo Trail Council's newest Eagle Scouts. With a wide array of interest, selecting an Eagle project can be a difficult task. However, Corey Johnson went above the norm as well as above ground to help the citizens of Andrews enjoy the Wetlands Project, a Texas Parks and Wildlife grant secured by the city.

Johnson approached Scott Wallace, director of community development, with a design for a 45-foot long, 8-foot to 16-foot wide, 5-foot to 8-foot high, ADA-compliant deck to be built at the bird viewing area of the Wetlands Project. The project was approved and funds were secured through a city gift and private donations. Construction began and after more than 480 hours of planning and carrying out the project, the visitors to the Wetland Project now have a new area to watch migrating birds.

"Leading on such a large project with many different workers and skill levels was a challenge at times," said Johnson. "I had a good time working on this project and learned that it is important to be able to adjust to circumstances."



Lyman Gifford, Buffalo Trail Council Scout Executive, was recently presented with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Patriotic Employer Award from the office of the Secretary of Defense. Lyman is pictured with Buffalo Trail Council's Field Director, Todd Bennett, who nominated and presented him with the award. Both Lyman and the Buffalo Trail Council support all our troops at home and abroad. Please join us and pray for their success and safety.

buffalo trail BTSR scout ranch

Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch camping season has started with more than 500 campers attending the first week of camp. The camp season that runs June 13 through August 6 will see more than 4,000 campers pass through its gates.

"This summer seems a bit more special than previous summers," said Camp Director Todd Bennett. "With the scare of losing everything, it feels good to see the fire fighters replaced with Scouts."

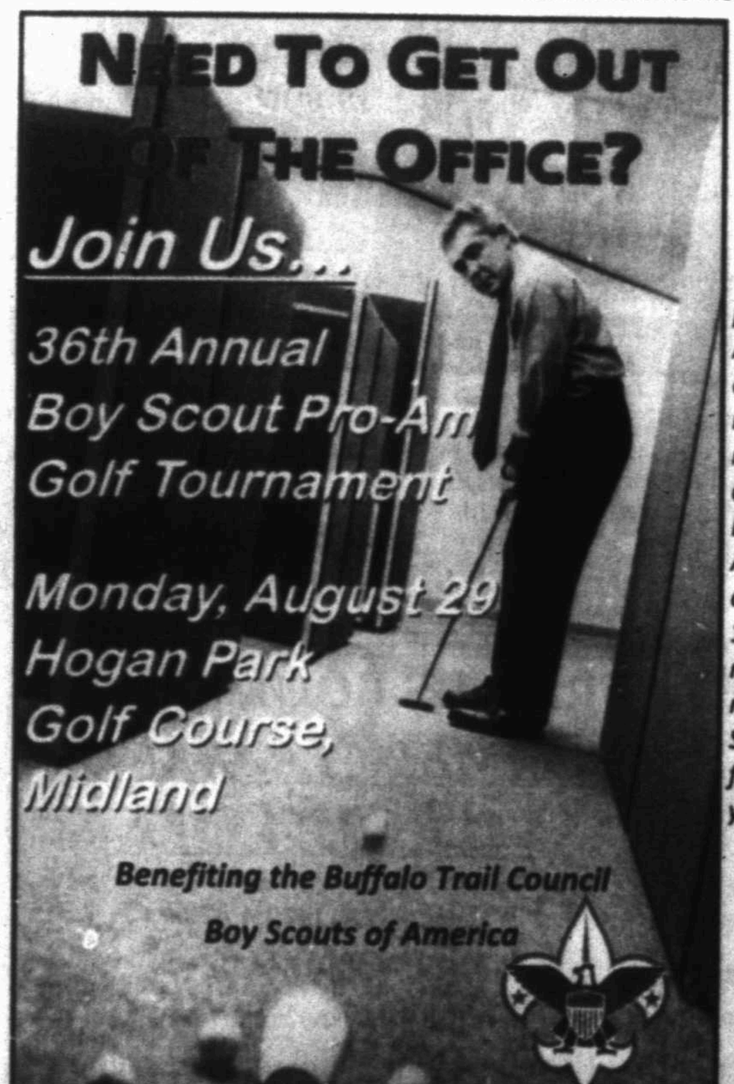
The Rock House fire that singed the Davis Mountains swept through the camp in late April. Although base camp was saved received no damage, the outback water system was severely damaged and all pasture land grazed by the ranch's 58 horses was destroyed.

"The horses are vital to our program," Bennett said. "For many of the Scouts, this will be their first experience on a horse; an experience to remember."

The Scout ranch offers a cavalry, mountain man and pioneer experiences that take the campers away from base camp into the outback areas. These programs are unique programs offered by BTSR.

"We have Scouts from all over Texas and the United States that attend BTSR," said Bennett. "Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch is more than a camp. It is a destination."

Nestled in the heart of the beautiful Davis Mountains in West Texas, this 9,320-acre ranch is one of America's premier High-Adventure council camps. The camp is nationally recognized and fully accredited by the Boy Scouts of America. In operation since 1947, this beautiful ranch has met the needs of Scouts, Scouters, and their families for over 50 years.



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The Buffalo Trail Council serves more than 6,500 youth in 18 West Texas counties.
The mission of the Buffalo Trail Council is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

From Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch's excellent outdoor programs to well organized activities and from Pushmobiles to Eagle Court of Honors, the council uses diverse tools to accomplish our mission of providing character-building, value-based programs. Please consider making a lasting gift to our future leaders. For more information on our endowment fund, please contact us at 570.7601.

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Sports

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KICKING PAST COLOMBIA United States' Megan Rapinoe, left, and Colombia's Nataly Arias challenge for the ball Saturday during a Group C match at the Women s World Cup in Sinsheim, Germany.

US advances with rout of Colombia

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press

SINSHEIM, Germany — Anyone can sign autographs or pose for photos. The U.S. women found a better way to say "thank you" to the American military members who turned their World Cup match into a home game.

United States	3
Colombia	0

The U.S. advanced to the quarterfinals of the Women's World Cup with a 3-0 rout of Colombia on Saturday, delighting a sellout crowd made up almost entirely of American fans. The team lined up for a military salute after Heather O'Reilly's opening goal, and Megan Rapinoe grabbed a TV mic and sang "Born in the USA" after she scored.

"The troops came out to practice the other day, which was a fantastic environment," said Carli Lloyd, who scored the third goal. "We thought it would be good to salute them. It was fun, something different."

The two-time World Cup champions now play Sweden, one of two teams to beat them this year, on Wednesday in Wolfsburg to determine the Group C winner. The Americans and Sweden both have six points, but the U.S. leads the group on goal differential and can claim the top spot with a victory or a tie.

Colombia is a team on the rise, finishing fourth at the Under-20 World Cup last year. But this is its first World Cup appearance, and the youngsters were no match for the deeper, more experienced Americans. The U.S. harassed goalkeeper Sandra Sepulveda relentlessly, forcing her to work more in this game than some goalkeepers will work all tournament.

She didn't get much help from her backline, which was shredded by the speedy O'Reilly time and again.

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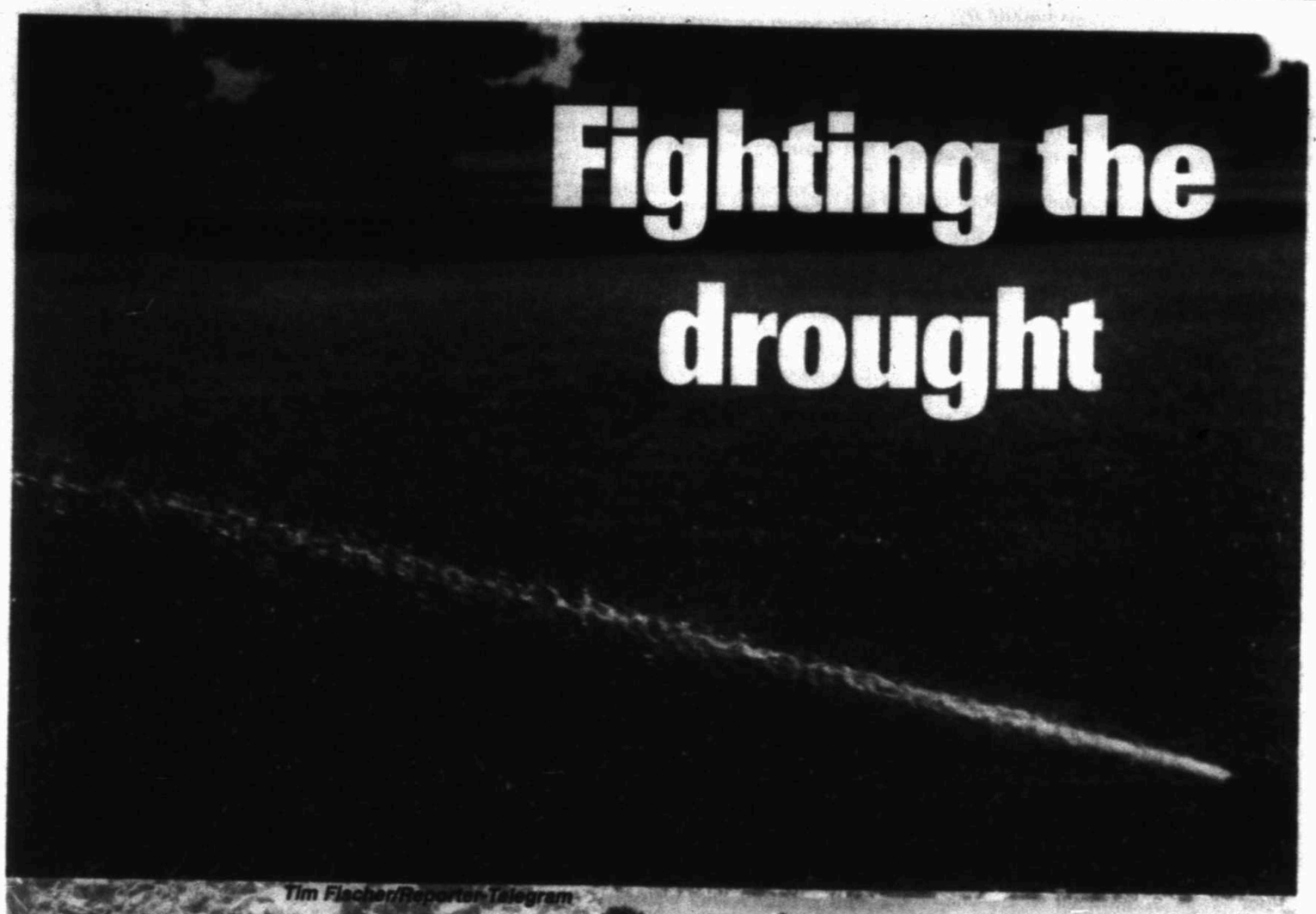
Fighting the drought



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Top: A sprinker goes off at Green Tree Country Club. Utilizing water wells, golf courses as often as they can to keep the course alive and looking good. Right: John Richmond cuts the grass on a fairway at Green Tree Country Club on Monday as part of the general maintenance of the course. Golf courses around the area have been doing their best to keep courses playable during this long drought.

Maintaining golf courses more difficult with recent weather

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Joey Allen said there is a restroom on the golf course at Nueva Vista Golf Club that has been flooded twice in the six years he's worked there.

These days he would like to see it flooded again.

"I wish we had that problem," said Allen, the head golf professional at Nueva Vista.

Allen is like a lot of golf course professionals and superintendents in Midland in that they are wishing and hoping for any kind of moisture. As the drought in West Texas continues, area golf courses are facing something that they haven't faced in a number of years.

> "We are doing the best we can, and we are all grown men that just do our jobs. If it never rains again, it never rains again."
>
> — KEVIN OCHS
> Ranchland Hills Golf Club superintendent

Dry stretches are common in West Texas, but even veteran superintendents who have grown up in West Texas can't remember a stretch that is now nearly nine months with so little rain.

But in typical West Texas fashion, the professionals and superintendents are taking all of it in stride, knowing they can't control the weather and can only do what they can to keep their golf courses in good shape.

"We are doing the best we can, and we are all grown men that just do our jobs," said Ranchland Hills Golf Club superintendent Kevin Ochs. "If it never rains again, it never rains again."

The top priority for any golf course is to keep the greens playable, and as the temperatures stay near or above 100 without rain, it is becoming tougher. That is why without rain, fairways become harder and the rough all but disappears.

All the golf courses in Midland County irrigate with wells that are on their property, but that doesn't mean that how much water they used hasn't changed.

Ochs said they have changed a "few minor things" when it comes to watering but with an on-site source they can continue to water the course as needed.

Midland Country Club superintendent Fore Brown said his course has a weather station to determine how much the course needs to be watered, and he said they have cut back by about 20 percent, which is normal for this time of year.

Green Tree Country Club head

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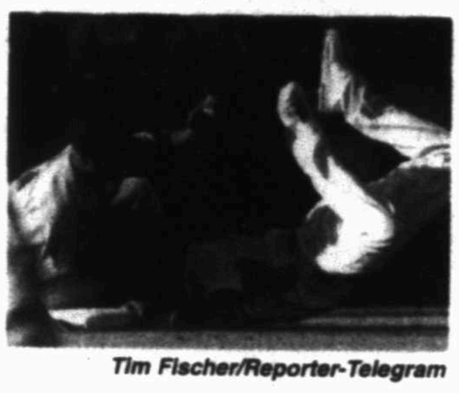

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SACRIFICING THE BODY Midland's Tyler Ladendorf dives into third base ahead of Arkansas third baseman Luis Jimenez on Saturday at Citibank Ballpark.

Travelers cool off RockHounds

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

The Midland RockHounds seemed to be cruising toward their first series sweep since the opening weekend of the season in the top of the seventh at Citibank Ballpark on Saturday.

The RockHounds were protecting a three-run lead thanks to a two-run blast to left by Ryan Ortiz in the sixth, and starting pitcher Shawn Haviland already had two men down in the seventh.

But the Arkansas Travelers had different ideas.

Arkansas reeled off five straight hits with two away to tie the game, then won it in the ninth when pinch runner Jon Townsend scored from third on a wild pitch by Jared Lansford in a 6-5 victory.

Travelers	6
RockHounds	5

The RockHounds (32-47) got a stand-up double from Grant Green in the bottom of the ninth and two straight walks to load the bases, but Ryan Brasier whiffed Matt Sulentic on the next at-bat to end the game.

Midland was in great shape to close the game out in the seventh when Haviland had given them 6.2 innings and allowed just one earned run.

But Haviland had gotten into jams in the fourth and fifth innings after retiring the first two batters and the seventh wasn't any kinder to him.

Haviland gave up a single to Mike Trout and an RBI double to Darwin Perez before being replaced by Jonathan Ortiz.

Ortiz didn't fare any better, giving up three straight singles, the last being an RBI single by Roberto Jimenez, who was 0-for-3 at the point, which tied the game.

Arkansas (43-33) replaced starter Matt Shoemaker with 7-1 Loek Van Mil to start the seventh, and Van Mil proceeded to quiet the RockHound offense, allowing one hit and no runs over two innings while picking up the win for the night.

The Traveler bats, however, contin-

Please see **ROCKHOUNDS/2C**

Kvitova beats Sharapova at Wimbledon for 1st major

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — One might reasonably have expected Petra Kvitova, not Maria Sharapova, to be betrayed by nerves in the Wimbledon final.

This was, after all, Kvitova's first Grand Slam championship match, while Sharapova already owned three major titles, including one from the All England Club. So Kvitova decided to pretend she was heading out on Centre Court to play in the fourth round.

That mindset worked. So, too, did nearly everything Kvitova tried once play began, particularly her big, flat left-handed groundstrokes that pushed Sharapova back on her heels. In a surprisingly lopsided final, Kvitova beat the higher-seeded, yet shakier, Sharapova 6-3, 6-4 Saturday to win Wimbledon for her first Grand Slam trophy.

"I was surprised how I was feeling on the court," Kvitova said, "because I was focused only on the point and on the game and not on the final."

If there were those who wondered how the eighth-seeded Kvitova would handle the setting and the pressure, her coach did not.

Indeed, David Kotyza had an inkling his new pupil possessed the right stuff to win titles shortly after they began working together about 2 1/2 years ago. That's because he was wowed by the several pages of handwritten answers Kvitova supplied for a questionnaire he gave her back then — and has kept to this day.

"I was really surprised about how she thinks about tennis, how clever she is. She told me her advantages, disadvantages, what she has to improve," Kotyza said, then pointed a finger to his temple and added: "Her brain is a big advantage for this game."

When she was a kid growing up in Fulnek, Czech Republic — population: 6,000 — and practicing an hour or so after school each day, Kvitova didn't count on becoming a professional tennis player. She simply wasn't that good, yet. Clearly, she's a quick study.

Before Wimbledon in 2010, Kvitova's career record on grass was 0-4. She is 16-2 on the slick surface since, including a run to the semifinals here last year before losing to Serena Williams.

At 21, Kvitova is the youngest Wimbledon champion since — you guessed it — Sharapova was 17 in 2004. Kvitova is also the first Czech to win the tournament since Jana Novotna in 1998.

Plus, Kvitova is only the third left-handed woman to win the grass-court Grand Slam tournament. The last was Martina Navratilova, who won her ninth Wimbledon title in 1990, a few months after Kvitova was born.

"I'm thrilled for her. She played brave tennis, and she deserved to win. She was by far the better player," said Navratilova, who was born in Czechoslovakia and sat near Novotna in the Royal Box on Saturday. "I don't think this is the only time she'll win here. It's very exciting. A new star."

That last phrase was being uttered by many people around the grounds after Kvitova managed to make Sharapova look rather ordinary.

Consider: Until Saturday, Sharapova had won all 12 sets she played over the last two weeks. But, as Sharapova's coach Thomas Hogstedt summed up afterward:

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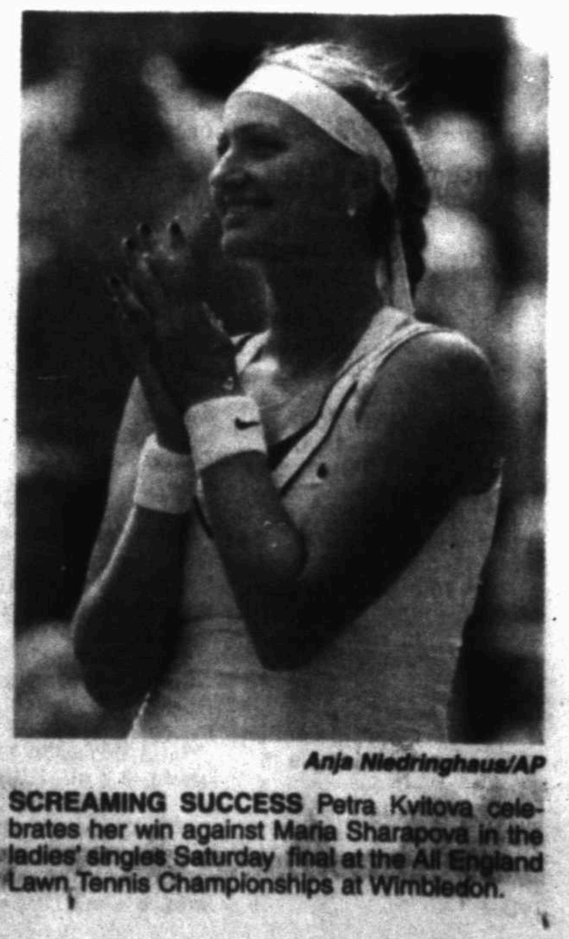

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SCREAMING SUCCESS Petra Kvitova celebrates her win against Maria Sharapova in the ladies' singles Saturday final at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon.

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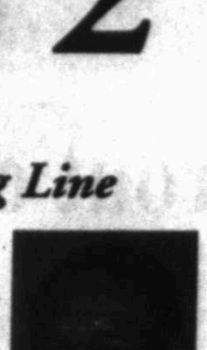

JORDAN MASON
Sports Writer

This and that as I attempt to write a column for the first time since I was a sophomore in college.

■ Since this is my first column with the MRT allow me to introduce myself. I'm a Plano native and graduated from St. Mark's School of Texas in north Dallas.

I attended UNC (that's North Carolina, not Non-Compliance) in Chapel Hill and graduated in May 2010 with a bachelor's in Communications.

My last job was an internship followed by a temporary stint with The Dallas Morning News where I covered high school sports and the occasional college sporting event.

Here I'll be covering anything Lee and the RockHounds as well as anything in between.

■ Speaking of the RockHounds, just eight games into the second half of the Texas League season, it's clear the RockHounds aren't the same team they were in the first half of the season.

One reason is because, well, they literally aren't the same. A number of recent personnel moves has turned the entire roster upside down.

Yet for a team that won consecutive games just twice in the last two months of first half of the season this may be just what the doctor ordered.

Left fielder Matt Sulentic said that the roster moves have improved the environment in the clubhouse and injected the team with a winning attitude, and it's hard not to agree with him at this point.

The RockHounds entered Saturday having won four straight, which they hadn't done since the started the season 4-0.

Now the challenge is to continue this recent trend of success, which won't be easy now that Jermaine Mitchell has been promoted to Triple-A Sacramento.

Anyone who follows the team has to be excited for the North Carolina-Greensboro product, who was leading or tied for the team lead in batting average, runs, hits, triples and home runs.

But the RockHounds will certainly miss his presence at the top of the order and his speed in center field and on the base paths.

Only time will tell if the team can continue what it started without him.

■ Still reading? That's a good sign right?

■ Now that the NFL and NBA are locked out what am I supposed to write about? (I'm kidding Rangers fans)

But in all seriousness, even in early July the sports calendar just doesn't feel the same with two major sports leagues in a labor stoppage.

The irony is that the most concern seems to be whether or not the NFL will miss games, and rightfully so as the popularity of football has soared to unprecedented heights, yet the players and owners in the NBA seem to be way further apart at the start of the lockout.

I don't believe anyone in either league wants to miss games, but it sounds like, especially in the NBA, both sides in both leagues want to get this right, however long it takes.

That's fine by me, and I can't help but feel like both leagues will be better off when the lockout ends.

Unless the NBA misses an entire season.

Then forget everything I just wrote.

■ I'm certainly not one to follow the entire MLB season, but even I have to admit that this is an exciting time of year in baseball.

Interleague play has provided even the casual fan with fascinating match-ups like crosstown rivalries and Cliff Lee two-hitting the team with the second best record in the American League (Sorry again Rangers fans).

With the Midsummer Classic looming and no one running away with any division at the midway point, the 2011 season is shaping up to be an intriguing one right now.

■ Meanwhile, the college football season has quietly been as intriguing as any with a lot depending on who you cheer for on Saturday's.

One program can't even have the spotlight to itself because the next week an equally big program is under investigation.

First Ohio State, then West Virginia, a Carolina-blue ACC program that will remain nameless, and now Oregon after the BCS runner-up may have paid Willie Lyles, a scouting service owner, for services beyond scouting.

I'm not sure that it's entirely possible to completely clean up college football, but it's clear the NCAA needs to come down hard on a program if they want to see any change.

If not, then we all might as well turn our heads like we did when players were signing contracts in the Southwest Conference.

■ To anyone still reading besides my editor and my family thank you for five minutes of your day and look out for a number of interesting features coming in Sports this week.

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On the air today

WHAT'S ON TV

ATHLETICS

Tour de France, stage 2, team time trial, 7 a.m., Versus

Tour de France, stage 2, team time trial (same-day tape), 2 p.m., NBC

GOLF

European PGA Tour, Open de France, final round, 7 a.m., TGC

Champions Tour, Montreal Championship, final round (same-day tape), 6 p.m., TGC

PGA Tour, AT&T National, final round, Noon, TGC

PGA Tour, AT&T National, final round, 2 p.m., CBS

MLB

All-Star Game Selection Show, at Atlanta, 11 a.m., TBS

N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, Noon, TBS

Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs, 1:10 p.m., WGN

Boston at Houston, 6 p.m., FSS Plus

Florida at Texas, 7 p.m., FSS

L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, 7 p.m., ESPN

MOTORSPORTS

MotoGP World Championship, Italian Grand Prix, (same-day tape), 7 a.m., Speed

MotoGP Moto2, Italian Grand Prix, (same-day tape) 5 p.m., Speed

SOCCER

FIFA, Women's World Cup, Group D, Australia vs. Equatorial Guinea, at Bochum, Germany, 6:45 a.m., ESPN2

FIFA, Women's World Cup, Group D, Brazil vs. Norway, at Wolfsburg, Germany, 11 a.m., ESPN

MLS, Houston at Colorado, 8 p.m., ESPN2

TENNIS

The Championships, men's championship match, at Wimbledon, England, 8 a.m. ƒ NBC

RockHounds

From 1C

ued to produce, as they loaded the bases in the eighth before Chris Pettit went up 3-0 on Midland pitcher Jon Meloan.

The count went full, then Pettit fouled off six straight pitches before Meloan got the first baseman to fly out to center causing the crowd at Citibank Ballpark to erupt.

But that was the last time the crowd exploded Saturday as the RockHounds only got a single by Ortiz in the bottom of the eighth.

Roberto Lopez led off the ninth with a single off Lansford, and then Luis Jimenez moved Townsend to second on a sacrifice bunt.

Following a walk, Angel Castillo and Townsend moved to second and third on a 4-3 groundout by Matt Cusick before Townsend crossed home to win it on Lansford's wild pitch.

The loss by Midland halted its winning streak at four games, which matched its longest of the season.

The RockHounds open a three-game series against Springfield at 6 p.m. today at Citibank Ballpark.

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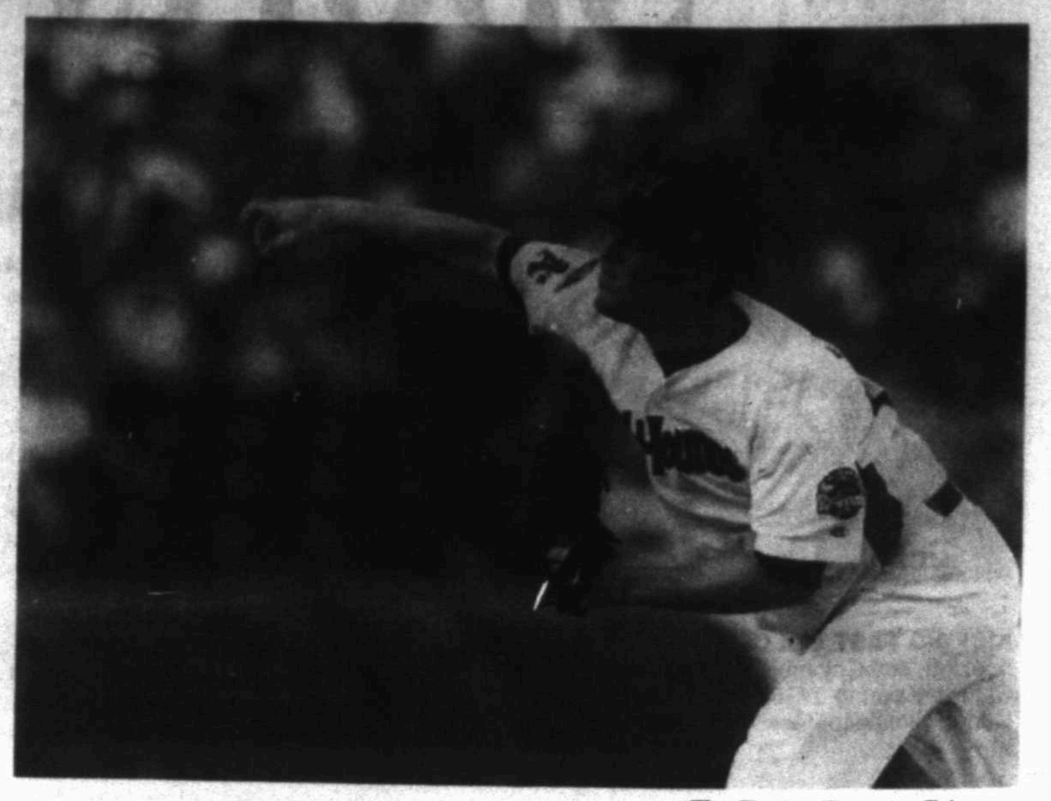
'HOUND BITES: Arkansas pitcher Matt Shoemaker entered the game with a Texas League-best ERA (2.64) and WHIP (1.02) but wasn't treated nicely by the RockHounds bats Saturday. Shoemaker went six innings but gave up five runs, four earned, on eight hits, including a home run. ... Ryan Ortiz hit his first home run in Double-A play Saturday on a sixth inning blast to left off Shoemaker. Ortiz was playing in his second game since being promoted from Single-A Stockton on Thursday. ... Postgame fireworks will follow Sunday for the second consecutive game as part of July Celebration at Citibank Ballpark.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: RockHounds left-hander Polin Trinidad (2-2, 7.04) is expected to open the series against Springfield today while the Cardinals are expected to start Michael Blazek (8-3, 5.31)



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

SHOWING OFF THE ARM Midland pitcher Shawn Haviland delivers a pitch Saturday night against the Arkansas Travelers at Citibank Ballpark.

TRAVELERS 6, ROCKHOUNDS 5

Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi
Trout cf	5	2	1	0
Perez ss	3	1	2	2
Pettit 1b	5	1	2	1
Lopez dh	5	0	2	0
Townsend	3	0	1	0
Jimenez 3b	4	0	1	1
Castillo rf	4	0	1	0
Cusick 2b	4	1	2	0
Mercado c	4	0	0	0
Fuller lf	2	0	1	1
Totals	36	6	11	5

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Ladendorf 2b	5	1	1	0
Green ss	4	1	3	1
Peterson cf	5	0	1	0
Heether 3b	4	0	0	0
Parker 1b	3	0	1	2
Sulentic lf	5	0	1	0
Barfield rf	4	1	1	0
Ortiz c	4	1	2	2
Canham dh	3	1	0	0
Totals	37	5	10	5

Arkansas	000	000	321	—	6
Midland	210	002	000	—	5

E — Fuller (2), Trout (1), Heether (6). LOB — Arkansas 11, Midland 10. 2B — Cusick (2), Perez 2 (12), Castillo (7), Peterson (8), Barfield (13), Green (19). HR — Ortiz (1). SB — Pettit (4), Perez (15), Green (3), Ladendorf (6). SF — Fuller.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arkansas						
Shoemaker	6.0	8	5	4	3	5
Van Mill W, 3-2	2.0	1	0	0	0	0
Brasier S, 16	1.0	1	0	0	2	2
Midland						
Haviland	6.2	6	4	3	2	6
Ortiz	0.1	3	1	1	0	0
Basham	0.1	1	0	0	1	0
Meloan	0.2	0	0	0	1	0
Lansford L, 2-5	1.0	1	1	1	1	0

WP — Shoemaker, Haviland, Lansford

TL Standings

Second Half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Arkansas	7	3	.778	—
Tulsa	4	3	.667	1
NW Arkansas	2	7	.222	5
Springfield	2	7	.222	5

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-San Antonio	6	3	.667	—
Midland	5	4	.556	1
Corpus Christi	4	5	.444	2
Frisco	4	5	.444	2

Saturday's Scores

Frisco 3, Springfield 1
Arkansas 6, Midland 5
Northwest Arkansas 4, San Antonio 1
Tulsa 17, Corpus Christi 5

Today's Games

Arkansas at Frisco, 6 p.m.
Springfield at Midland, 6 p.m.
Corpus Christi at NW Arkansas, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

Drought

From 1C

professional Brian McKinley said they are also cognizant of how much water they are using even with a well and a revese osmosis system.

"We are real careful about what we use and when we use it," McKinley said. "Obviously we are not going to be watering in the middle of the day."

What golf courses mainly face with using so much ground water is that West Texas' water has a high salt content, and that salt content can affect growth on the greens.

As the salt content increases in the soil it becomes harder for the greens to grow, and both Brown and Ochs said rain washes those salts away to promote healthier greens. The more salt builds up in the soil, the harder it is to keep greens healthy.

"(Rain) flushes the salt out of the upper portion of the soil where the roots plant, and they can really take off in cleaner water," Brown said. "Plus, rainfall has some nitrogen in it, and that is beneficial to growing turf grass."

Courses can use different treatments on the greens to keep the salt content down, including Green Tree's reverse osmosis system and Ranchland has bermuda greens that are more resistent to the heat.

"(The bermuda greens) thrive in the high nighttime temperatures," Ranchland Hills head golf professional Terry Lester said.

What hasn't changed even with the extreme drought conditions affecting local golf courses is the number of players and round. Nearly all the professionals talked to for this story said that rounds are above what they were at this time last year.

And the pros said golfers are very understanding of what is happening, and know the work needed to keep courses in shape with this kind of weather.

"I think everybody kind of understands what's going on," said Midland Country Club head professional Greg Beran. "We don't hear any complaining, and they are keeping it in good condition."

Allen also admited there is a positive to all of this for the players.

"People are hitting their drives further than they ever hit them before," Allen said. "Normally this time of year, the fairways are taller and now it's rolling 50 to 100 yards further. Everybody wants to be like John Daly."

Golfing will continue in Midland County with or without rain, but each day the superintendents look to the sky hoping that some relief will come sooner rather than later.

"We just want it to rain, that's all," Ochs said.

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SATURDAY'S MLS ROUNDUP

FC DALLAS 2, CREW 0: At Frisco, Brek Shea and Jackson Goncalves scored second-half goals.

FC Dallas won its third straight game and goalkeeper Kevin Hartman finished with five saves for his second straight shutout and ninth of the season.

In the 58th minute, Shea scored after he rebounded a missed shot by Marvin Chavez and tapped a shot into the center of the net from the top of the goalie's box.

Goncalves scored in the 76th minute after he raced past Columbus' Danny O'Rourke and chipped a shot over Hesmer's head from just inside the top of the penalty box.

FIRE 1, CHIVAS USA 1: At Carson, Calif., the Chicago Fire took their unbeaten streak to eight MLS games with a 1-1 draw against Chivas USA on Saturday night.

Chivas USA, which hasn't won in four games, equalized seconds after halftime when Nick LaBrocca fired a shot from 20 yards out that deflected off the cross bar and into the net.

Dominic Oduro put the Fire ahead in the 26th minute when he took a pass from Patrick Nyarko and beat then goalkeeper Dan Kenned.

The Fire haven't lost in 10 matches overall since a 2-1 loss on May 21 against Philadelphia, including a tie and a win in U.S. Open Cup competition.

UNION 2, D.C. UNITED 2: At Wasington, Carlos Ruiz scored his fifth goal of the season in the 84th minute to help the Philadelphia Union earn a 2-2 draw with D.C. United on Saturday night.

Sebastien Le Toux sent a long ball down the right side to Sheanon Williams, who quickly directed a cross to Ruiz charging down the middle. Ruiz then scored from five yards, giving him goals in consecutive games, as the Union (7-4-6) salvaged a point despite never leading.

United (4-5-7) took the lead when Andy Najar fired a 35-yard strike in the 58th minute. That briefly made up for Perry Kitchen's own goal in the 49th minute, a redirect from the middle of the box off Vejiko Paunovic's cross. It proved costly as United's winless streak reached five games.

Dwayne De Rosario assisted on Josh Wolff's goal in the 44th minute in his first game with United since being acquired from the New York Red Bulls on Monday.

Associated Press

Lamb leads US over China 82-66 in FIBA Under 19s

LIEPAJA, Latvia (AP) — Jeremy Lamb of national champion Connecticut scored 17 points and Doug McDermott of Creighton had 15 points and eight rebounds to lead the United States to an 82-66 win over China on Saturday in the FIBA Under 19 World Championship.

Tim Hardaway Jr., of Michigan, and Khyle Marshall, of Butler, both had 13 points for the U.S. (3-0), the defending champion and the only team in the 16-team field to finish the preliminary round undefeated. The three-game second round begins Monday.

China (0-3) opened the second half on a 9-2 run and trailed 56-53 after three quarters. McDermott hit a 3 to start a 10-0 run and Lamb's steal and layup closed it, making it 68-55 with 5:25 to play. Lamb scored eight of the U.S. team's final 14 points.

Phelps easily wins 200 freestyle at Canada Cup

MONTREAL (AP) — Michael Phelps led wire to wire and won the 200-meter freestyle in 1 minute, 47.46 seconds at the Canada Cup on Saturday night.

More than 1,500 screeching spectators turned out to the Olympic Pool, a better than average crowd for a swim meet, to see Phelps dominate his one event. American Matthew Patton was second in 1:49.87, with Canadian Ryan Cochrane third in 1:50.08.

"I didn't feel like I could really step on it the first hundred," said Phelps, the American star who turned 26 on Thursday. "I felt kind of weird.

"I usually have easy speed the first hundred and I tried to step on it and I just didn't have it. Hopefully it's something we can fix."

Phelps is scheduled to compete in the 100 butterfly Sunday.

The meet at one of the world's fastest pools is being used as a tuneup for the World Aquatic Championships beginning July 16 in Shanghai, which itself is a test leading into the 2012 Olympics in London.

At the worlds, Phelps said he will swim in up to seven events — the 100 and 200 butterfly, the 200 free, the 200 individual medley and as many as three relays.

He gave up on the 400 IM after the 2008 Beijing Olympics, where he won eight gold medals.

There has been concern this year that he has been falling behind in races. He lost the 200 freestyle world record to Paul Biedermann at the 2009 world championships, but the German was wearing one of the speed-boosting polyurethane body suits that have since been banned.

Still, Phelps has struggled. He had not lost in the 200 butterfly since 2002 but was beaten three times this year.

"I think speed is something that's always been pretty easy for me to get," he said. "I'm trying to get my endurance back, plus get my speed back at the same time."

LOCAL SPORTS

80-year-old Midlander sinks hole-in-one

Richard Harvey, 80, of Midland hit the second hole-in-one in his lifetime on Friday at Hogan Park's Roadrunner Course.

Harvey used an 8-iron to ace the fourth hole of the course. The feat was witnessed by Bill Huebner and Leroy Miller.

Compiled from staff reports

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	7	4	5	27	21	15
New York	6	3	5	23	17	11
Columbus	6	3	5	24	21	16
Houston	6	4	4	22	19	14
D.C.	6	4	3	21	17	13
Toronto FC	5	4	4	19	18	22
Chicago	4	4	5	17	16	17
Kansas City	4	5	4	16	17	20
Sporting KC	4	6	3	15	14	17
New England	3	7	3	12	15	23
Chivas USA	1	8	3	6	15	25

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	7	3	3	24	25	15
Colorado	6	3	5	23	18	14
Seattle	6	3	5	23	16	11
Real Salt Lake	7	5	3	24	19	17
Colorado	5	4	5	20	18	17
San Jose	5	5	5	20	15	17
Portland	5	7	3	18	18	20
Chivas USA	3	7	5	14	19	29
Vancouver	2	8	5	11	16	25

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's Scores
D.C. United 2, Philadelphia 2, tie
FC Dallas 2, Columbus 0
Chicago at Chivas USA, late
New York at San Jose, late
Sporting Kansas City at Portland, late
Today's Game
Houston at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Monday's Games
New England at Real Salt Lake, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle FC at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S SUMMARY
FC DALLAS 2, CREW 0

Columbus	0	0	0	0
FC Dallas	2	0	0	2

First half—None.
Second half—1, FC Dallas, Shea 6, 58th minute. 2, FC Dallas, Sarkodie 3 (Jacobson), 78th.

Goalies—Columbus, William Hesmer; FC Dallas, Kevin Hartman.
Yellow Cards—Hesmer, Columbus, 8th; Espo, Columbus, 20th; Jackson, FC Dallas, 24th; Ihemba, FC Dallas, 30th; Ito, Columbus, 57th.
Red Cards—Ito, Columbus, 92nd.
Referee—Jorge Gonzalez. Assistant Referees—Bill Ottman, Paul Scott. 4th Official—Mark Declouet.
Lineups
Columbus—William Hesmer, Chad Marshall, Andy Iro, Rich Balcher, Danny O'Rourke, 69th), Sebastian Miranda, Emmanuel Espo, Eddie Gaven, Josh Gardner (Robbie Rogers, 60th), Bernardo Anor, 30, Heinemann (Jeff Cunningham, 65th), Andres Mendoza.
FC Dallas—Kevin Hartman, Zach Loyd (Andrew Wiedeman, 90th+), Jair Benitez, George John, Jackson, Ugo Ihemba, Marvell Chavez (Milton Rodriguez, 83rd), Eric Alexander (Ricardo Villar, 60th), Brek Shea, Daniel Hernandez, Andrew Jacobson.

Arena Football

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Arizona	13	2	0	.867	923	707
Spokane	7	7	0	.500	817	774
Utah	7	8	0	.467	895	914
San Jose	6	9	0	.400	857	920
Central Division						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Chicago	11	4	0	.733	812	687
Dallas	10	5	0	.667	893	829
Tulsa	6	9	0	.400	704	716
Kansas City	5	10	0	.333	710	807
Iowa	4	11	0	.267	760	930
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
Division						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
z-Jacksonville	13	2	0	.867	965	729
Georgia	9	6	0	.600	844	781
Orlando	9	6	0	.600	814	780
Tampa Bay	9	6	0	.600	872	821
New Orleans	3	12	0	.200	669	816
Eastern Division						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cleveland	9	6	0	.600	747	662
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	720	789
Philadelphia	5	11	0	.313	747	887
Milwaukee	4	11	0	.267	659	722

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Friday's Scores
New Orleans 64, Tampa Bay 33
Orlando 62, Pittsburgh 54
Iowa 55, Tulsa 53
Chicago 59, Utah 35
San Jose 83, Jacksonville 70
Saturday's Scores
Cleveland 62, Milwaukee 58
Dallas 58, Philadelphia 41
Spokane at Arizona, late

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
Montreal	1	0	0	2	27	17
Toronto	1	0	0	2	23	21
Winnipeg	1	0	0	2	24	16
Hamilton	0	1	0	0	17	27

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
Edmonton	1	0	0	2	30	16
Saskatchewan	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.C.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calgary	0	1	0	0	21	23

Thursday's Score
Montreal 30, B.C. 26
Friday's Score
Winnipeg 24, Hamilton 16
Toronto 23, Calgary 21
Today's Game
Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 6 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	GB
Indiana	7	3	700
Connecticut	6	3	667 1/2
New York	5	4	556 2
Chicago	4	6	400 3
Atlanta	3	6	333 3 1/2
Washington	2	5	286 3 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	GB
San Antonio	7	2	778 —
Minnesota	6	3	667 1
Seattle	5	3	625 1 1/2
Phoenix	5	4	556 2
Los Angeles	4	4	500 2 1/2
Tulsa	1	9	100 6 1/2

Thursday's Scores
Atlanta 87, New York 81
Minnesota 101, Tulsa 51
Friday's Scores
New York 81, San Antonio 75
Connecticut 75, Seattle 70
Phoenix 84, Chicago 64
Today's Game
Seattle at Washington, 3 p.m.

NFL Calendar

(Pending a new CBA)
— Aug. 6 — Pro Football Hall of Fame inductions, Canton, Ohio
— Aug. 7 — Hall of Fame game, Chicago vs. St. Louis at Canton
— Aug. 13-15 — First weekend of preseason
— Sept. 2 — Preseason concludes
— Sept. 8 — Opening game, New Orleans at Green Bay
— Sept. 11-12 — Opening weekend games
— Jan. 1, 2012 — Regular season concludes
— Jan. 7-8 — Wild-card playoffs
— Jan. 14-15 — Divisional-round playoffs
— Jan. 21-22 — Conference championships
— Feb. 5, 2012 — Super Bowl, Indianapolis

Tennis

Wimbledon Head-to-Heads
Men's Championship
Sunday
Rafael Nadal (1) vs. Novak Djokovic (2)
Nadal leads 16-11
2006 French Open, clay-outdoor, QF, Nadal, 6-4, 6-4, retired
2007 Indian Wells Masters, hard-outdoor, F, Nadal, 6-2, 7-5
2007 Miami Masters, hard-outdoor, QF, Djokovic, 6-3, 6-4
2007 Rome Masters, clay-outdoor, QF, Nadal, 6-0, 6-0
2007 French Open, clay-outdoor, SF, Nadal, 7-5, 6-4, 6-2
2007 Wimbledon, grass-outdoor, SF, Nadal, 3-6, 6-1, 4-1, retired
2007 Montreal Masters, hard-outdoor, SF, Djokovic, 7-5, 6-3
2007 Tennis Masters Cup, hard-indoor, RR, Nadal, 6-4, 6-4
2008 Indian Wells Masters, hard-outdoor, SF, Djokovic, 6-3, 6-2
2008 Hamburg, clay-outdoor, SF, Nadal, 7-5, 2-6, 6-2
2008 French Open, clay-outdoor, SF, Nadal, 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (3)
2008 London, grass-outdoor, F, Nadal, 7-6 (6), 7-6
2009 Cincinnati Masters, hard-outdoor, SF, Djokovic, 6-1, 7-5
2009 Olympics-Beijing, hard-outdoor, SF, Nadal, 6-4, 1-6, 9-7
2009 Davis Cup, clay-outdoor, RR, Nadal, 6-4, 6-4, 6-7
2009 Monte-Carlo Masters, clay-outdoor, F, Nadal, 6-3, 2-6, 6-1
2009 Rome Masters, clay-outdoor, F, Nadal, 7-6 (2), 6-2
2009 Madrid Masters, clay-outdoor, SF, Nadal, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (9)
2009 Cincinnati Masters, hard-outdoor, SF, Djokovic, 6-1, 6-4
2009 Paris Masters, hard-indoor, SF, Djokovic, 6-2, 6-5
2009 ATP World Tour Finals, hard-indoor, RR, Djokovic, 7-6 (5), 6-3
2010 U.S. Open, hard-outdoor, F, Nadal, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2
2010 ATP World Tour Finals, hard-indoor, RR, Nadal, 7-5, 6-3
2011 Indian Wells Masters, hard-outdoor, F, Djokovic, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0
2011 Miami Masters, hard-outdoor, F, Djokovic, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4)
2011 Madrid Masters, clay-outdoor, F, Djokovic, 7-5, 6-4
2011 Rome Masters, clay-outdoor, F, Djokovic, 6-4, 6-4

Interleague

MARLINS 9, RANGERS 5

	ab	r	h	bi
Bonifac cf-lf	4	2	1	0
Infante 2b	4	1	2	1
GSnchz 1b	4	2	1	1
HRmnz ss	5	1	2	3
Coghln lf	5	0	2	0
Wise cf	3	0	0	0
Stanton dh	5	0	2	0
J Buck rf	4	0	1	0
Helms 3b	3	1	1	0
Petersn rf	4	0	1	0
Arnett c	4	0	1	0
Rhodes	1	0	0	0
Totals	**39**	**9**	**13**	**5**

	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	4	0	1	0
A Rdrgz dh	4	0	1	0
N Cruz rf	3	0	0	0
Mahlm 1b	4	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0
Hamltn cf	4	1	1	0
Moreno lf	4	0	0	0
Torreal c	3	1	1	0
Beltre 3b	3	1	1	2
Totals	**33**	**5**	**5**	**2**

E—H.Ramirez (12), Torreal (4). DP—Florida 1, Texas 1. LOB—Florida 7, Texas 7. 2B—Morrison (15), Helms (9), SBnchz (1). HR—H.Ramirez 2 (7), Morrison (11), Infante (12), J.Hamilton 2 (10), SBonifacio (9), Stanton (23), Kinsler (16), Andrus (25), Gentry (10). SF—Infante, G.Sanchez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida						
Hand	3	1-3	4	2	2	3
Cishek W,1-1	2	2-3	2	2	1	4
M.Dunn	1		1	0	0	0
Mujica	1		1	1	0	0
L.Nunez	1		0	0	0	1
Texas						
D.Holland L,8-4	2	1-3	4	5	2	1
Tom.Hunter	1	4-2	3	4	2	1
O'Day	1	1-3	3	2	2	0
D.Oliver	1	1-3	3	2	0	2
Rhodes	1	1	2	0	0	0

T—3:21. A—29,728 (49,170).

RED SOX 10, ASTROS 4

Boston						
	ab	**r**	**h**	**bi**	**ab**	**r**
Ellsury cf	4	2	1	0	Bourn cf	5
Pedroia 2b	5	1	3	1	AngSnc 2b	3
Adrianz rf-1bS	3	1	1	0	Pareo ph-2b	1
Youkils 3b	5	1	3	1	Pence rf	4
Wheelr p	0	0	0	0	CaLee 1b	4
D.Ortiz 1b	2	0	0	0	Michals lf	4
Reddick lf	4	2	1	1	C.Phlps 3b	3
Sltmch c	2	0	2	1	Barnes ss	4
DMcDn lf-cf	4	1	1	1	Towles c	3
Scutaro ss	4	0	0	0	Happ p	2
AMiller p	2	0	0	0	WLopez p	0
YNavrr ph	1	1	1	1	Kppngr ph	1
Aceves p	0	0	0	0	Abad p	0
D.Bard p	0	0	0	0	ARdrig p	0
J.Drew ph	1	0	0	0	Bogsvc ph	1
Papelbn p	0	0	0	0		
Sutton 3b	0	0	0	0		
Totals	**37**	**10**	**13**	**9**	**Totals**	**35**

	4	11	4
Boston	**300**	**010**	**141 — 10**
Houston	**100**	**001**	**101 — 4**

E—CaLee (4). DP—Boston 3, Houston 2. LOB—Boston 4, Houston 8. 2B—Ellsbury (23), Pedroia (17), Ad.Gonzalez (27). 3B—Bourn (7). HR—D.McDonald (2), Y.Navarro (1), Pence (10). SF—Sattamacchia, Pedroia.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
A.Miller W,2-0	6	7	2	2	2	3
Aceves	2-3	2	1	1	1	0
D.Bard	1-3	0	0	0	1	1
Wheelr	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wheeler	1	2	1	1	0	0
Houston						
Happ L,3-10	6	2-3	7	5	5	3
W.Lopez	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Abad	1	4	4	4	0	0
An.Rodriguez	1	2	1	1	1	2

T—3:05. A—39,021 (40,963).

BREWERS 8, TWINS 7

Milwaukee						
	ab	**r**	**h**	**bi**	**ab**	**r**
RWeks 2b	5	1	1	0	Revere cf	5
Morgan cf-lf-rf	5	3	3	2	ACasill ss	5
Braun lf	4	0	1	1	Mauer dh	4
CGomz cf	0	0	0	0	Cuddyr rf	4
Kottars ph-c	1	0	1	1	Valenc 3b	4
Fielder dh	5	0	2	0	L Hughs 1b	5
Gamel 1b	3	0	3	0	Repko lf	3
C Hart ph-rf	1	0	0	0	Tolowtz 2b	4
YBtncr ss	4	2	2	0	Butera c	4
Kotsay rf-1b-lf	4	1	2	0	Nishick ss	3
Lucroy c	4	0	0	0		
JoWilsn pr-1bS	1	0	0	0		
Counsll 3b	4	0	0	0		
Totals	**40**	**8**	**15**	**8**	**Totals**	**39**

	7	14	7
Milwaukee	**000**	**012**	**014 — 8**
Minnesota	**102**	**400**	**000 — 7**

E—R.Weeks (9). Valencia (9). DP—Milwaukee 1. Minnesota 1. LOB—Milwaukee 5, Minnesota 9. 2B—Morgan (8), Braun (19), Fielder (20), A.Casilla (12), Butera (8). 3B—Morgan (4). HR—Morgan (3), Cuddyer (11), Valencia (9). SB—Revere (10). CS—L.Hughes (2). Repko (1). Nishioka (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee						
Marveson	4	2-3	4	1	2	1
Estrada	2	1-3	3	0	0	2
Saito W,1-1	1		0	0	0	2
Axford S,21-23	1		0	0	0	2
Hoffman	1		0	0	0	1
Minnesota						
Pavano	7	2-3	8	4	3	0
Perkins	1		0	0	0	0
Fuentes L,2-4	2		3	3	1	0
Dumatrait	1		0	0	0	0

T—3:04. A—41,378 (39,500).

RAYS 5, CARDINALS 1

	ab	r	h	bi
Punto ss-2b	5	0	1	0
Jay rf	4	0	0	0
Hollidy dh	4	0	1	0
B.Hrmn lf	3	1	1	1
T.Cruz c	3	0	0	0
Freese 1b	3	0	2	0
MHmltn pr-1bS	1	0	0	0
Rasms cf	4	0	2	0
YMolin c	4	0	2	0
Theriot ss	4	0	0	0
Descals 3b	4	0	1	0
Schmkr 2b-lf	4	0	0	0
Totals	**35**	**1**	**10**	**1**

	1	10	1
St. Louis	**000**	**100**	**000 — 1**
Tampa Bay	**000**	**005**	**00x — 5**

DP—St. Louis 2, Tampa Bay 2. LOB—St. Louis 10, Tampa Bay 4. 2B—Kotchman (16), HR—Berkman (21), Ruggiano (4). CS—B.Upton (5).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
McClellan L,6-5	5	2-3	8	5	2	4
Motte	1		1	0	0	0
T.Miller	1		0	0	0	0
Dickson	1	2-3	0	0	0	0
Valdes	1		0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay						
Niemann W,3-4	6	9	1	1	2	5
C.Ramos	1		0	0	0	0
J.Cruz	1		0	0	0	0
Howell	1		0	0	0	1
Jo.Peralta	1		1	0	0	2
Farnsworth	1		0	0	0	0

Niemann pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. T.Miller pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.
WP—Niemann.
T—3:02. A—23,897 (34,078).

BRAVES 5, ORIOLES 4

	ab	r	h	bi
Hardy ss	5	0	0	0
Markks rf	5	1	3	1
Adjons cf	4	0	1	0
Wieters c	5	0	2	0
Guthrie pr	0	0	0	0
Lee 1b	4	0	2	0
Scott lf	3	1	0	0
Reimld ph-lf	1	0	0	0
Pie ph	1	0	0	0
McPhrsn 3b	4	2	2	3
BDavis 2b	2	0	1	0
Arrieta p	2	0	0	0
Guerrr ph	1	0	0	0
Bergsn p	0	0	0	0
MGnzlz p	0	0	0	0
Andino ph	1	0	1	0
Uehara p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**39**	**4**	**13**	**4**

	4	13	4
Baltimore	**000**	**201**	**100 — 4**
Atlanta	**000**	**000**	**50x — 5**

E—Mar.Reynolds (19). LOB—Baltimore 11, Atlanta 4. 2B—C.Jones (21). HR—Markakis (7), Mar.Reynolds 2 (17), D.Ross (4). CS—B.Davis (1), D.Ross (1). S—T.Hudson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Arrieta L,9-5	5	6	5	5	2	5
Bergesen	1-3	1	0	0	1	0
M.Gonzalez	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Uehara	1		0	0	0	0
Johnson	1		0	0	0	1
Atlanta						
T.Hudson W,7-6	6	6	3	3	3	6
Linebrink	2-3	2	1	1	0	0
Venters	1-3	3	2	0	0	0
Kimbrel S,24-29	1	2	1	0	0	2

HBP—by Arrieta (Freeman).
T—2:42. A—37,259 (49,586).

INDIANS 3, REDS 1

	ab	r	h	bi
Cleveland				
Brantly lf	4	1	1	3
OCarer 2b	4	0	2	0
ACarer ss	4	0	1	0

	ab	r	h	bi
Cincinnati				
Stubbs cf	4	0	1	0
DPhlps 2b	3	0	0	0
Votto 1b	3	1	1	1

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	50	31	.617	—	—	6-4	W-2	28-18	22-13
Boston	51	32	.614	2 1/2	—	7-3	W-3	27-16	24-16
Tampa Bay	46	37	.554	7	2 1/2	4-6	W-3	22-16	24-21
Toronto	43	40	.518	10	5	5-5	L-1	23-19	20-21
Baltimore	35	45	.438	14 1/2	12	2-8	L-5	18-22	17-23
								22-22	13-23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cleveland	47	37	.560	—	—	5-5	W-3	24-14	20-23
Detroit	44	37	.543	2	1	4-6	L-1	26-18	18-19
Chicago	42	42	.500	5 1/2	3 1/2	7-3	W-4	19-20	23-22
Minnesota	35	46	.432	11	9	4-6	L-2	20-23	15-23
Kansas City	32	50	.390	14 1/2	12 1/2	3-7	L-1	17-18	15-32
								18-22	14-28

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	44	40	.524	—	—	5-5	L-1	24-17	20-23
Los Angeles	43	41	.512	1	—	6-4	W-1	24-17	19-24
Seattle	40	42	.488	3	2	7-3	W-1	19-21	21-21
Oakland	37	47	.440	7	6	3-7	W-1	22-21	18-21
								19-24	18-23

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	53	31	.631	—	—	7-3	W-2	32-14	21-17
Atlanta	49	35	.583	4	—	8-2	W-5	24-17	25-18
Washington	40	44	.476	13	11	5-5	W-1	24-14	16-30
New York	41	42	.494	11 1/2	7 1/2	5-5	L-1	24-18	17-24
Florida	37	46	.446	15 1/2	11 1/2	5-5	W-1	17-26	20-20
								19-23	18-23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Milwaukee	45	39	.536	—	—	4-6	W-1	29-11	16-28
St. Louis	45	39	.536	—	—	4-6	L-1	21-18	24-21
Pittsburgh	42	41	.506	2 1/2	0 1/2	6-4	L-1	19-20	23-21
Cincinnati	42	42	.500	3	1	4-6	L-2	22-21	20-21
Chicago	34	50	.405	11	9	4-6	L-2	19-26	15-24
Houston	29	55	.345	16	14	2-8	L-2	14-32	15-23
								17-28	12-27

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Francisco	47	36	.566	—	—	8-2	W-1	24-13	23-23
Arizona	45	39	.536	2 1/2	—	4-6	L-1	23-19	22-20
Colorado	41	42	.494	6	7 1/2	4-6	W-2	22-21	19-21
San Diego	40	43	.482	7	8 1/2	6-4	L-3	18-22	22-21
Los Angeles	37	47	.440	10 1/2	12	4-6	L-1	19-24	18-23
								20-23	17-24

St. Louis (Lohse 8-4) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 7-7), 12:40 p.m.
Boston (Beckett 6-3) at Houston (Lyles 0-3), 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Greinke 7-3) at Minnesota (Blackburn 6-6), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Floyd 6-7) at Chicago Cubs (R.Lopez 0-2), 1:20 p.m.
Kansas City (Hochevar 6-6) at Cleveland (Hammel 4-7), 2:10 p.m.
Arizona (I.Kennedy 8-2) at Oakland (G.Gonzalez 7-5), 3:05 p.m.
San Diego (Latos 5-8) at Seattle (Beavan 0-0), 3:10 p.m.
Florida (Vazquez 4-8) at Texas (C.Wilson 8-3), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 7-6) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 3-8), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Saturday's Scores
Pittsburgh 5, Washington 3, 1st game
Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3, 2nd game
Today's Game
Pittsburgh (Cumpton 10-6) at Washington (Marquis 7-2), 12:35 p.m.

Rauch	2-3	2	1	1	1	0
Camp	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
PB—Arencibia.						
T—2:49. A—44,078 (49,260).						

ROCKIES 9, ROYALS 6

Kansas City					**Colorado**	
	ab	**r**	**h**	**bi**	**ab**	**r**
Getz 2b	5	0	0	0	CGnzlz cf	4
MeCarr cf	5	1	2	0	DMrph 2b	5
AGordn lf	5	2	2	1	Helton 1b	5
Francr rf	5	0	1	1	Tlwtzky ss	5
Hosmer 1b	4	0	1	0	S.Smith rf	4
B Pena c	4	1	1	0	Fwlr lf	3
Mostks 3b	4	0	1	0	Blckmn lf	3
AEscor ss	3	1	2	0	Iannett c	3
Bloyer p	0	0	0	0	Jmenez p	3
Betemit ph	1	0	0	0	Brothrs p	0
Collins p	0	0	0	0	Lindstr p	0
Duffer p	0	0	0	0	Giambi ph	1
GHillnd p	0	0	0	0	MtRynl p	0
Crow p	0	0	0	0	RBtncc p	0
Maier ph	1	0	0	0	Street p	0
Totals	**39**	**5**	**13**	**6**	**Totals**	**34**

	9	15	9
Kansas City	**001**	**310**	**001 — 6**
Colorado	**000**	**180**	**00x — 9**

E—Davies (1). DP—Kansas City 2, Colorado 1. LOB—Kansas City 7, Colorado 9. 2B—Mc.Cabrera (19), B.Pena (8), M.Ellis 3 (4), Helton (16), S.Smith (22), Wigginton (14), Iannetta (9). 3B—Francoeur (3), C.Gonzalez (3). HR—A.Gordon (10), Betemit (3), Tulowitzki (17), S.Smith (23), Iannetta (3). S—Blackmon, G.Reynolds. SF—Helton, S.Smith.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kansas City						
Davies L,1-1	3	8	7	4	2	2
Collins	3	3	1	1	0	1
G.Holland	1	1	0	0	0	1
Crow	1	1	1	1	0	0
Colorado						
Mat.Reynolds W,3-0	6	8	5	5	1	5
Brothers	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lindstrom	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mat.Reynolds	1	0	0	0	0	1
R.Betancourt	1	2	1	1	0	0
Street S,24-26	1	3	0	0	0	0

T—3:04. A—49,227 (50,490).

ANGELS 7, DODGERS 1

	ab	r	h	bi
Gwynn Jr lf	4	2	0	0
Blake 3b	2	2	1	0
Carroll 2b	3	1	1	0
Ethier rf	4	0	2	1
Kemp cf	3	0	1	0
Loney 1b	3	0	1	0
Miles Jr 3b	3	0	1	0
Oeltjen dh	2	0	0	0
Barajas c	3	0	0	0
Furcal ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	**29**	**1**	**5**	**1**

	7	10	6
Los Angeles (N)	**000**	**010**	**000 — 1**
Los Angeles (A)	**201**	**301**	**00x — 7**

E—Gordon 2 (5). DP—Los Angeles (A) 1. LOB—Los Angeles (N) 4, Los Angeles (A) 7. 2B—Ethier (22), Kemp (21), Ka.Morrison (8). HR—V.Wells (11). SB—Aybar (17), Bourjos (9). CS—D.Gordon (3). S—Mathis. SF—Oeltjen.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles (N)						
Kershaw L,8-4	6	9	7	6	1	10
Jansen	1	1	0	0	0	1
Kuo	1	0	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles (A)						
Weaver W,10-4	8	4	1	1	2	4

What is at stake as both NFL and NBA shuttered

By Rachel Cohen
Associated Press

In March, NFL owners locked out their players. On Friday, NBA owners followed suit.

It's believed that only once before two of the United States' major sports leagues have been shuttered at the same time.

A look at what's at stake in the labor disputes, and how they are similar and different:

Mary Altaffer/AP

NO EASY ANSWERS NBA commissioner David Stern speaks to reporters after a meeting with the players' union June 30 in New York. Despite a three-hour meeting Thursday, the sides could not close the enormous gap that remained in their positions.

Q: What's with the NFL and the NBA being stuck in labor lockout at the same time? Are the two situations connected?

A: It's partly a coincidence that the two leagues' collective bargaining agreements expired within months of each other. But it's probably not a fluke that owners in both sports are saying at the same time that the old deals didn't provide them with sufficient revenue. The U.S. economy is emerging from a recession. And NFL and NBA leaders contend there aren't enough new revenue streams to cover costs for building and improving stadiums and arenas.

Q: But haven't both sports being doing very well recently?

A: The NFL and NBA have enjoyed a surge in interest the last couple of seasons, with appealing story lines and big-name stars driving robust television ratings. In fact, the two most watched U.S. television programs of all time were the past two Super Bowls. And the NBA, while not the same draw as pro football, last month had the highest rating for a Game 6 of its final series in 11 years.

Both players' associations argue that's proof the leagues are better off than they purport to be. The owners counter that ratings and other indicators of popularity are irrelevant when their economic models are broken. NBA owners say they lost hundreds of millions of dollars in every season of the last collective bargaining agreement, which was ratified in 2005. According to league officials, 22 of the 30 teams were losing money this past season. One of the points of contention between the NFL and its players is that the union wants access to more financial data from teams to see the exact economic situation of the clubs.

Q: OK. But what, exactly, is a lockout? And how's it different from a strike?

A: Management has the right under federal labor law to shut down a business once a CBA expires. That means, for instance, that the leagues aren't paying for players' health insurance, and free agents can't sign with teams. Employees have the same right to strike.

In this case, for both basketball and football, the owners' side is the one that wants to significantly alter the structure of the old deal, leading to a lockout, not a strike.

Q: How similar are the issues in the two sports' negotiations?

A: The tone of the two labor disputes has differed because of the league's disparate financial situations. For the NFL, the debate is how to divvy up $9 billion in revenues, with players and owners wrangling over what is the fairest split. The NBA is in a more dire economic plight, and the question is how much of a hit players' salaries will take as a result.

Q: Is the NBA lockout going to look like the NFL's?

A: The NFL union decertified and turned to the courts in an attempt to lift the lockout. The NBA players' association doesn't plan to go that route, at least for now.

Q: Should fans be worried about losing games in either situation?

A: Anything's possible. There was optimism earlier this week that an NFL deal was near, but the sides went into the holiday weekend without an agreement. The league says it hasn't set a deadline for when games would be canceled without a CBA. The regular season is supposed to start Sept. 8, but the NFL could start later and still get in 16 games. The NBA's regular season isn't scheduled to start until around late October, but at the moment both sides say they're very far apart.

Ragan redeems himself at Daytona with 1st win

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — David Ragan earned the first Sprint Cup victory of his career Saturday night with a push from teammate Matt Kenseth that helped Ragan atone for one of the biggest gaffe's of his young career.

He might have won the season-opening Daytona 500 when he lined up as the leader on a late restart in NASCAR's season-opening event. But he was penalized for passing too early, and the life-changing victory instead went to Trevor Bayne.

Ragan

Now Ragan has his own win at Daytona International Speedway, albeit in the lesser of the races. That made little difference to the 25-year-old second-generation NASCAR driver.

"Everybody kept talking about (the Daytona 500). I just kept trying to zero it out," Ragan said.

Ragan could now find himself in contention for a berth in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. The win pushed Ragan to 17th in the standings, and two spots in the Chase will go to the winningest drivers ranked between 11 and 20.

"Not a better night to win, this is awesome," Ragan said.

Kenseth finished second to give Roush Fenway Racing a 1-2 sweep for Ford.

Joey Logano, who won his first Daytona race Friday night with a Nationwide Series victory, finished third in a Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing. Kasey Kahne was fourth in a Toyota for Red Bull Racing and Kyle Busch was fifth for JGR.

Jeff Gordon made a terrific late-race save to avoid a race-ending wreck and finished sixth in a Chevrolet for Hendrick Motorsports. Kevin Harvick was seventh for Richard Childress Racing and claimed the series points lead after an early accident caused previous leader Carl Edwards to finish 37th.

Paul Menard was eighth, while Juan Pablo Montoya and AJ Allmendinger rounded out the top 10.

Klitschko beats Haye by unanimous decision

By Karl Ritter
Associated Press

HAMBURG, Germany — Wladimir Klitschko won a lopsided unanimous decision over David Haye, adding the WBA title to his heavyweight haul on Saturday.

Klitschko dominated almost from the opening bell against a smaller fighter who took few chances, winnning for the 14th straight time and improving to 17-2 in title fights. But he never knocked Haye down in a fight that did not live up to its advance hype.

"He was scared to fight me," Klitschko said. "I was expecting more of a challenge in the ring, but he was super defensive."

The victory in a rain-soaked football stadium in Hamburg means Klitschko and his older brother, Vitali, hold all three major heavyweight titles. Wladimir already had the IBF title (and minor WBO, IBO belts), while Vitali was the WBC champion.

All three judges gave it to Klitschko, scoring the 12-round showdown 117-109, 118-108 and 116-110.

Haye, who stirred most of the hype with often crass trash-talking, said he hurt a toe on his right foot in training and lost some of his explosive power because of it.

"I couldn't give everything I needed to, it was really frustrating," Haye said in the ring. "I had to knock him out and unfortunately I couldn't do it."

Haye slipped to the canvas repeatedly as he got into clinches with the heavier, taller and more experienced Ukrainian, who was fighting in his home base.

Referee Genaro Rodriguez finally had enough of it and gave Haye a count when he slipped in the 11th round. This time, Haye got quickly to his feet.

Haye came out slugging in the final round, landing a series of body punches and a good right hand to the head. But Klitschko came right back with some stinging jabs and right hands to take away one of the rare offensive threats of the night from the British fighter.

Klitschko (56-3) had wanted to knock Haye out, disgusted with the Brit's trash talking over the past few years. The fact that he didn't disappointed him, though he was happy to join the major titles with his brother, who he has said he will never fight.

"We're celebrating with my brother that we've collected all the belts in the heavyweight division," Klitschko said. "It wasn't as spectacular as I expected, but I was trying."

For most of the fight, Klitschko stayed behind his feared left jab. He landed a right on Haye's chin in the fifth but Haye recovered nicely, bouncing off the ropes to stay on his feet.

Haye (25-2) fought defensively for the most part, unwilling to risk going inside and catching a Klitschko right to the head. He took off his shoe in the ring to show off a toe he said he broke three weeks ago that bothered him the entire fight.

Martin Meissner/AP

WINNING THE BELTS Heavyweight world boxing champion Wladimir Klitschko celebrates with his belts after winning his heavyweight unification title bout against David Haye in Hamburg, Germany on Saturday. Wladimir Klitschko is now IBF, WBO, IBO and WBA world champion. His brother Vitali walks behind him.

Gilbert wins 1st stage of Tour de France

Associated Press

MONT DES ALOUETTES, France — Philippe Gilbert won the first stage of the Tour de France on Saturday to take the yellow jersey, while defending champion Alberto Contador lost more than a minute because of a late crash.

The Belgian rider, who dazzled fans by winning three classics races in April, sped ahead of the pack in the final several hundred yards and kissed his jersey as he crossed the line.

"It was the last 500 meters, I had a lead ... (and) I went for it," Gilbert said. "It was an extreme effort and I was able to take advantage."

Gilbert, who has notched 13 victories between race and stage wins this year, had been a favorite to win the opening stage.

He clocked 4 hours, 41 minutes, 31 seconds for the sun-baked 119-mile ride from La Barre-de-Monts to Mont des Alouettes in the western Vendee region.

Two-time Tour runner-up Cadel Evans of Australia was second, three seconds back — making him the best performer among the expected title contenders. Thor Hushovd of Norway was third, six seconds off the pace.

The 2,131-mile race ends July 24 on Paris' Champs-Elysees. It's shaping up as a battle among riders like Contador and last year's runner-up Andy Schleck of Luxembourg. Three-time champion Contador, a Spaniard, beat Schleck by just 39 seconds last year.

However, they both ran into trouble toward the end of the stage on Saturday.

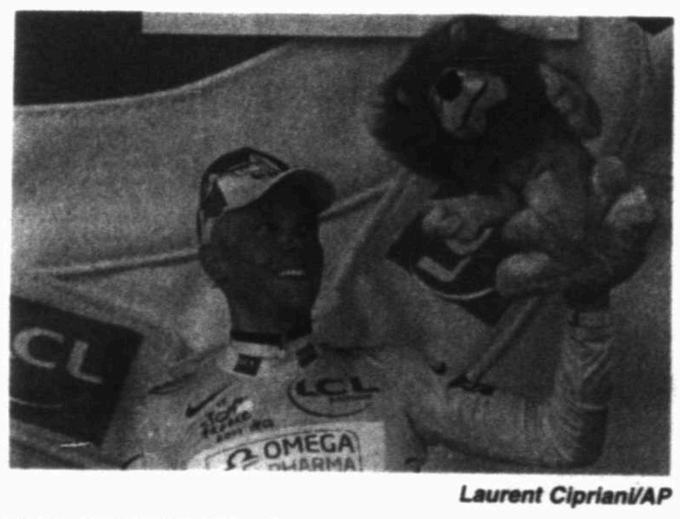
With about 5.5 miles left, Astana rider Maxim Iglinskiy knocked shoulders with a fan on the roadside, causing a mass crash that delayed Contador and split the pack. About 40 riders stayed in front. The Spaniard finished 1:20 after Gilbert and is 82nd overall.

Schleck, too got slowed down by yet another crash near the end, and finished the stage in 39th place. But according to race rules about crashes within last three kilometers, he was credited with the same time as the pack he was in — six seconds behind Gilbert — and placed 33rd overall.

Among other possible title contenders, Belgium's Jurgen Van den Broeck is fifth overall, Levi Leipheimer of the United States is 38th, and Briton Bradley Wiggins trails in 50th place — all six seconds behind the Belgian stage winner.

Five crashes took down riders in the nervous debut stage, including Movistar leader David Arroyo of Spain and Linus Gerdemann, the Leopard Trek rider who won the Tour of Luxembourg this year. Two injured Movistar teammates, Andrey Amador and Benat Intxauti, were taken to hospital for X-rays.

Belgium's Jelle Vanendert paid for his courtesy. Near the front of the main pack around the 39-mile mark, the Omega Pharma-Lotto rider held out his left arm to warn those behind him of a roadway median — a gesture that caused him to lose control of his bike. He tumbled to the ground with his helmet bouncing and his sunglasses skidding away, while several others fell in his wake. All of those involved returned to the race.



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WEARING THE YELLOW Philippe Gilbert celebrates taking the overall leader's yellow jersey on the podium Saturday after the first stage of the Tour de France in Mont des Alouettes, les Herbiers, western France

SATURDAY AT THE TOUR DE FRANCE

MONT DES ALOUETTES, France — A brief look at Saturday's first stage of the Tour de France:

Stage: As in 2008, the Tour started with a road stage instead of a short time trial or prologue. It was a 119-mile ride between Passage du Gois and Mont Des Alouettes, featuring a slight uphill finish.

Winner: Belgian champion Philippe Gilbert, who continued his excellent season with a first stage win on the Tour. Gilbert also won three presitigious classic races this spring.

Yellow Jersey: Gilbert. He leads Australian Cadel Evans by three seconds and third-placed Thor Hushovd of Norway by six seconds.

Where's Contador?: Slowed by a crash involving others, Alberto finished 1:20 behind Gilbert, placing 82nd.

Quote of the Day: "Cycling is not just about pedalling, it's also important to ride with your brain and stay up front in such conditions." — Andy Schleck, reflecting on the way he finished 1 minute, 14 seconds ahead of rival Contador on general classification.

Next stage: A 14.3-mile team time trial in Les Essarts. The short stage will be on flat roads sheltered from the wind.

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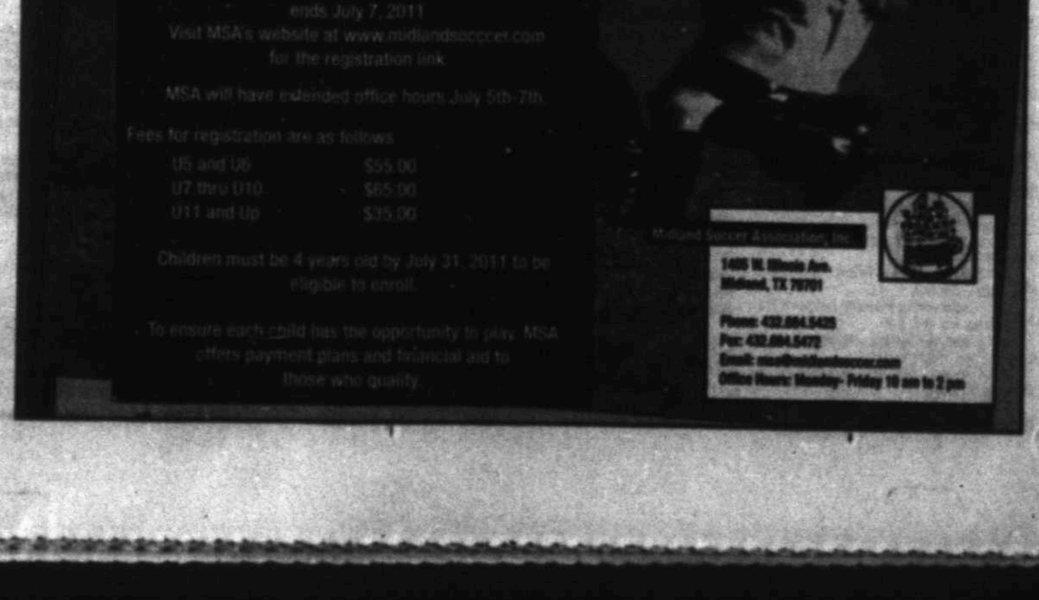

Ramirez homers twice to lead Marlins past Rangers

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Hanley Ramirez hit a grand slam and solo shot for a career high-tying five RBIs, helping the Florida Marlins overcome Josh Hamilton's two homers to beat the Texas Rangers 9-5 Saturday night.

Logan Morrison also homered for the Marlins, 5-6 since Jack McKeon took over as interim manager on June 20.

Both starters failed to last four innings in a game that began in 100-degree heat.

Marlins	9
Rangers	5

Florida rookie Brad Hand lasted 3 1-3 innings and Texas' Derek Holland was unable to get out of the first.

The Marlins recalled Hand from Double-A Jacksonville for the start. When he walked two of the first three batters he faced in the fourth, McKeon brought in Steve Cishek despite Florida's 6-2 lead.

Hand allowed two runs and four hits with three walks.

Cishek (1-1) gave up three runs — two earned — and two hits in 2 2-3 innings for his first big league victory.

The Marlins knocked out Holland (6-4) with a five-run first.

The first three Florida batters reached to load the bases, and Ramirez lined Holland's 3-2 pitch into the first row of seats in right field for his fifth career grand slam.

When Wes Helms added a two-out RBI double in the first for a 5-0 lead, manager Ron Washington removed Holland and brought in Tommy Hunter for his first appearance of the season. Hunter was activated from the disabled list on Friday, having missed the first 82 games with a groin injury.

Holland lasted 2-3 of an inning and 46 pitches, the shortest outing of his career, allowing five runs and four hits.

Gaby Sanchez's second-inning sacrifice fly off Hunter bumped the Marlins' lead to 6-0. Florida took advantage of two errors by Rangers catcher Yorvit Torrealba, with Emilio Bonifacio reaching on a bunt attempt when Torrealba threw wildly to first, and Bonifacio hustling to third on a steal and off-target throw to second by Torrealba.

Third-inning solo homers off Hand by Ian Kinsler and Hamilton pulled the Rangers to 6-2, and Hamilton's two-run shot in the fifth off Cishek made it 6-4.

The Marlins loaded the bases with one out in the sixth against Hunter, who was replaced by Darren O'Day after Bonifacio's line drive struck Hunter in the left foot. The Rangers later said Hunter wasn't removed from the game due to injury.

SATURDAY'S MLB ROUNDUP

Interleague

RED SOX 10, ASTROS 4: At Houston, Darnell McDonald hit a three-run homer, pinch-hitter Yamaico Navarro went deep for the first time and the Boston Red Sox beat the Houston Astros 10-4 on Saturday night.

Dustin Pedroia, Adrian Gonzalez and Kevin Youkilis had three hits apiece and each drove in a run for the Red Sox, who have won three straight.

Boston has scored 17 runs in the last two games after managing just 15 in the previous six games.

Navarro hit a solo shot in the seventh for his first major league homer. McDonald's drove in the eighth landed on the train tracks atop the wall in left field and stretched the lead to 9-3.

PHILLIES 5, BLUE JAYS 3: At Toronto, Roy Halladay pitched an eight-hitter against his former team to win his sixth straight decision, helping the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-3 on Saturday.

Halladay (11-3), who took the mound in the bottom of the first to a standing ovation from the crowd of 44,078, spent the first 12 years of his career with the Blue Jays before being traded to Philadelphia in December 2009.

Chase Utley hit a go-ahead homer for NL East-leading Philadelphia Phillies.

Toronto's Jose Bautista hit his major league-leading 26th home run, but the Blue Jays still lost for the 10th time in 13 home games.

Blue Jays manager John Farrell and reliever Jon Rauch were both ejected in a wild top of the ninth. Luis Perez (1-1) got the loss.

YANKEES 5, METS 2: At New York, Bartolo Colon pitched six shutout innings in his return from the disabled list and Eduardo Nunez had another big game at the plate, helping the Yankees earn their season-best seventh consecutive victory.

WHITE SOX 1, CUBS 0: At Chicago, Phil Humber, backed by strong defense, pitched shutout ball for seven innings and Juan Pierre singled in the only run, lifting the White Sox to the victory.

INDIANS 3, REDS 1: At Cincinnati, Michael Brantley hit a three-run homer and Frank Herrmann took over after Indians starter Fausto Carmona took a tumble, pitching three scoreless innings Saturday for his first big league win.

BRAVES 5, ORIOLES 4: At Atlanta, David Ross hit his second career grand slam and the Atlanta Braves held on for a 5-4 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Saturday night.

RAYS 5, CARDINALS 1: At St. Petersburg, Fla., Casey Kotchman drove in three runs with a double and Justin Ruggiano hit a two-run homer during a five-run sixth inning, and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the St. Louis Cardinals 5-1 on Saturday night.

BREWERS 8, TWINS 7: At Minneapolis, pinch-hitter George Kottaras capped a four-run ninth inning with a a go-ahead RBI single that gave the Milwaukee Brewers an 8-7 win over the Minnesota Twins on Saturday night.

ROCKIES 9, ROYALS 6: At Denver, Mark Ellis collected three more hits in his second game with the Colorado Rockies, who also got a home run from Troy Tulowitzki in a 9-6 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Saturday night.

ANGELS 7, DODGERS 1: At Anaheim, Calif., Jered Weaver got a measure of payback against Clayton Kershaw six days after a tough-luck loss in their previous matchup, and Vernon Wells homered to lead the Los Angeles Angels to a 7-1 victory over the Dodgers on Saturday night.

DIAMONDBACKS 4, ATHLETICS 2: At Oakland, Calif., Chris Young had three hits and four RBIs, including a two-run homer, and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the Oakland Athletics 4-2 on Saturday night.

National League

PIRATES 5-3, NATIONALS 3-4: At Wasington, Ivan Rodriguez drove in the go-ahead run as a pinch-hitter in the eighth, and the Washington Nationals beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-3 Saturday night to earn a doubleheader split.

Rodriguez's single to right scored Rick Ankiel to cap a two-run rally. Pinch-runner Brian Bixler had tied the game on a double steal, taking third and then coming home when catcher Eric Fryer's throw went into left field for an error.

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Yankees, Red Sox and Tigers flush with All-Stars

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press

Based on that final balloting update, it appears the American League starting lineup for the All-Star game will be loaded with Yankees and Red Sox.

Here we go again.

Alex Rodriguez, David Ortiz, Robinson Cano, Adrian Gonzalez. All probably headed to Phoenix, with several other teammates in tow.

That might rankle fans around the country, but take a look at the numbers. With the exception of New York catcher Russell Martin and aging shortstop Derek Jeter, most of the leading vote-getters do indeed deserve those spots.

Who else has earned a trip to the July 12 showcase? Tough choices, as usual.

Prince Fielder or Joey Votto at first base for the National League? Carlos Quentin or Jacoby Ellsbury in the AL outfield? And how many aces can the Phillies put on the pitching staff?

"It can be a little daunting, to be honest," NL manager Bruce Bochy of the San Francisco Giants said. "Sure, it's an honor and you're excited about it, but at the same time you know that somebody's going to get snubbed, supposedly. There's nothing you can do about it. It's not perfect."

One superstar who won't be playing is St. Louis slugger Albert Pujols, sidelined by a broken wrist. He highlights a striking list of face-of-the-franchise types who figure to miss this All-Star game because of injuries, slumps — or both.

Joe Mauer, Hanley Ramirez, David Wright, Evan Longoria, Chase Utley, Ichiro Suzuki, Ryan Zimmerman, Carl Crawford, Buster Posey, Justin Morneau, Josh Johnson, Johan Santana.

In their absence, look for talented first-timers such as Asdrubal Cabrera, Rickie Weeks and Matt Kemp.

Following last year's rule changes, this will be the first time the designated hitter is used in an NL park. There are 34 slots on each roster, with 13 going to pitchers. And every team must be represented, which makes for difficult decisions.

"I'll be glad when the process is over," said Texas' Ron Washington, who will manage the AL squad. "I did my homework. I'll consult with my coaching staff and I'll probably reach out to a few guys, a few managers that's done this before. But I only get so many to choose, and all I have to do is look at the roster that's been put out there and we're going to choose according to our need, to make sure we're covered."

The league that wins gets home-field advantage in the World Series again, and the NL finally wrested it away last year with its first victory in 13 games since 1996.

So without regard to fan or player balloting, here are our picks for the 82nd All-Star game. Rosters will be announced today.

■ Analysis

Starting with the AL

First Base — Gonzalez has been an RBI machine in his first season with Boston. Thanks to a smooth glove, he edges Detroit slugger Miguel Cabrera for the start. Chicago's Paul Konerko and New York's Mark Teixeira also make the team.

Second Base — Cano is the clear choice even though he hasn't played as well as last year, when he finished third in AL MVP voting for the Yankees. The backup job goes to underrated Ben Zobrist of Tampa Bay.

Shortstop — Asdrubal Cabrera has provided power at the plate and spectacular defense in a breakout season for the surprising Indians. That impressive combination earns him the starting nod over Detroit's Jhonny Peralta, who also warrants his first selection. Left off here is the 37-year-old Jeter, who had a comfortable lead at last count in fan voting and appears headed to his 12th All-Star game despite that ominous calf and a season-long slump. So his shy of 3,000, he was set to come off the disabled list early next week, so perhaps he'll be healthy enough to play in the Midsummer Classic. Who knows? It could be his last All-Star hurrah.

Third Base — Rodriguez also held a sizable lead in fan balloting, but his numbers at the plate put him neck-and-neck with Red Sox rival Kevin Youkilis. Give the nod to A-Rod, with Youkilis securing a reserve role.

Catcher — Another young player enjoying a breakthrough season is Tigers catcher Alex Avila. He gets the surprise start and his backup is, well ... his backup. Avila's emergence has allowed Detroit to use Victor Martinez mostly as a DH, but he's also caught more than 20 games and his bat is absolutely productive. With apologies to Cleveland's Carlos Santana, put Martinez on the club as a catcher and there's no need to pick another backstop who doesn't quite deserve it. Plus, it would make for a most anomalous two All-Star catchers from one big league team.

Outfield — Toronto slugger Jose Bautista had received more All-Star votes than anyone else in the majors, a sign that fans are paying attention even when he connects in Canada. He starts in right field, with New York's Curtis Granderson in center and Quentin from the White Sox in left. On the bench is Ellsbury, another Boston entry, along with Baltimore's Adam Jones, Minnesota's Michael Cuddyer and Kansas City's Alex Gordon, finally fulfilling his promise after switching from third base to left field.

Designated Hitter — Ortiz was running away with the fan vote, and deservedly so. Pocked as ever in Boston, Big Papi can still swing it. The other choice at DH is Texas slugger Michael Young, who could play 1B in an all-infielder if needed.

Starting Pitchers — Detroit flamethrower Justin Verlander is blossoming into the consistent and dominant ace that was always expected. He seems to flirt with a no-hitter every time he takes the mound — and he finished one off this year in Toronto. Verlander earns the start on a staff that includes fellow rotation mates Josh Beckett (Boston), James Shields (Tampa Bay) and Felix Hernandez (Seattle), along with Angels teammates Jered Weaver and Dan Haren. The lefties are CC Sabathia (New York), C.J. Wilson (Texas) and Gio Gonzalez (Oakland).

Relievers — Mariano Rivera is closing in on the career saves record and shows no signs of slowing down at age 41. New York's longtime relief ace is joined in the bullpen by Detroit's Jose Valverde, Cleveland's Chris Perez and Tampa Bay first-timer Kyle Farnsworth.

And in the NL:

First Base — Fielder is having a huge season for Milwaukee in the final year of his contract. The best thing to do, however, would be to start him at DH and put Votto at first base because the Cincinnati slugger, last year's NL MVP, is more adept on defense. Philadelphia's Ryan Howard brings his big bat off the bench.

Second Base — Weeks gives the Brewers a powerful threat at the top of the lineup. His backups are Brandon Phillips, an all-around cornerstone for the Reds, and Washington rookie Danny Espinosa.

Shortstop — New York Mets dynamo Jose Reyes has been the game's most electrifying player this season, dashing around the bases on doubles, triples and steals. His glove is a plus, too, so he looks primed to cash in as a 29-year-old free agent next winter — especially if he's healthy most of the year. Reyes left Saturday's game with tightness in his left hamstring, behind him is Colorado's Troy Tulowitzki, another multitalented star.

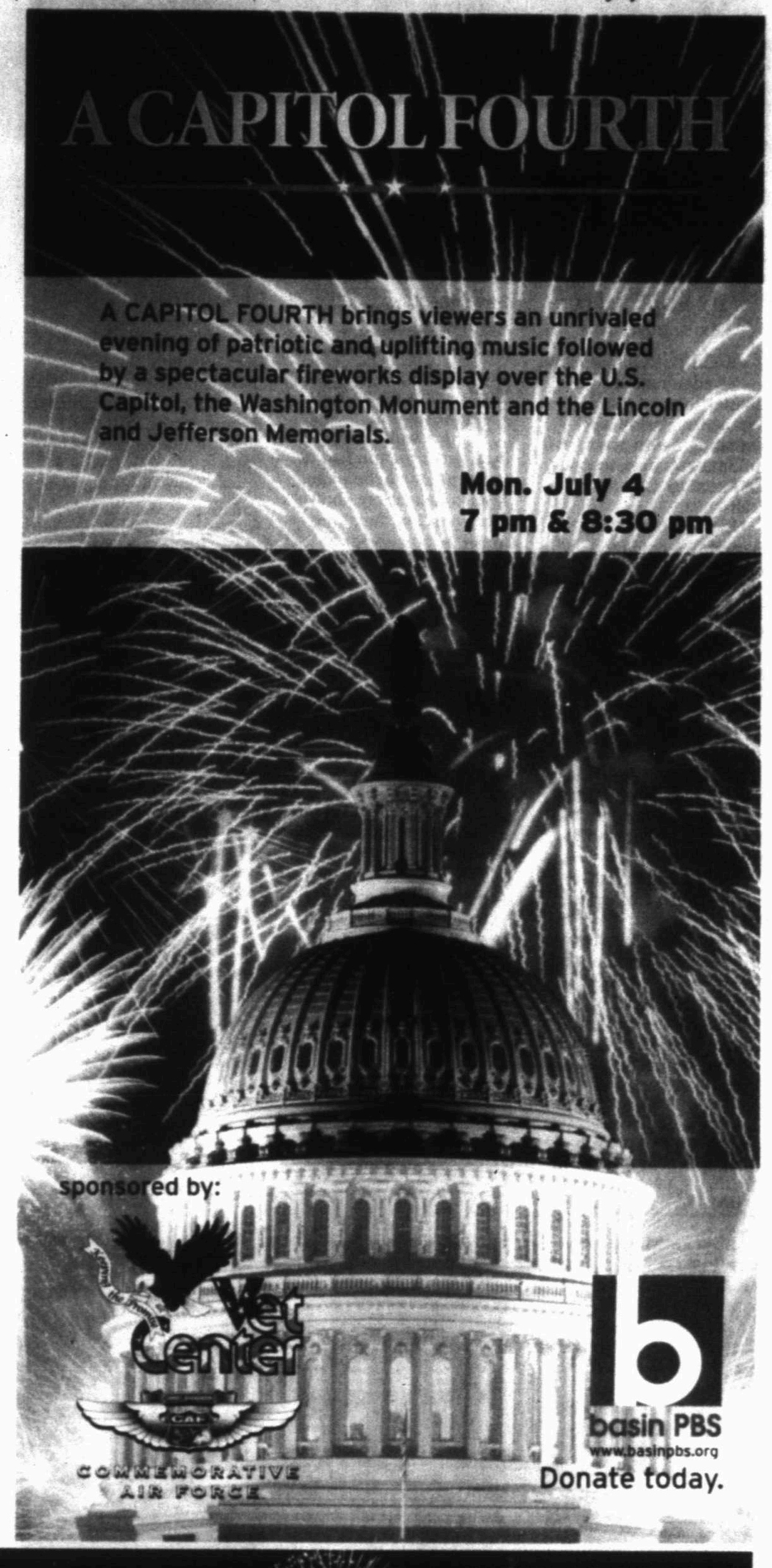
Third Base — A thin crop this year, so Braves switch-hitter Chipper Jones gets a nod. Sure, it's partly a lifetime achievement award, but who else would you rather see in this game? Aramis Ramirez of the Chicago Cubs is on the bench.

Catcher — No doubt about this one. Atlanta's Brian McCann, the MVP of last year's All-Star game, is a runaway choice for his sixth selection — and his work blocking him up behind the plate is Miguel Montero of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Outfield — The starting spots are easy: In center field is Kemp, the first-half MVP from the Los Angeles Dodgers. He's flanked by Milwaukee's Ryan Braun in left and a revitalized Lance Berkman of St. Louis in right. After that it gets tricky, because there are about a dozen worthy candidates. Here's who makes the cut: Arizona's Justin Upton, New York's Carlos Beltran, Cincinnati's Jay Bruce, Pittsburgh's Andrew McCutchen, Houston's Hunter Pence and Colorado's Carlos Gonzalez. Left off is Andre Ethier, despite his 30-game hitting streak, and Matt Holliday, who missed 20 games because of a leg injury and an appendectomy.

Starting Pitchers — Roy Halladay won the NL Cy Young Award in his first season with Philadelphia and follows it up this year with an All-Star game start. Phillies left-handers Cliff Lee and Cole Hamels are also on the staff, along with Atlanta's Jair Jurrjens, Los Angeles' Kenley Clayton Kershaw, San Francisco's Tim Lincecum, Arizona's Ian Kennedy, Reds' Aroldis Sanchez and St. Louis' Kyle Lohse.

Relievers — Pittsburgh closer Joel Hanrahan went into the weekend perfect in 25 save attempts. Joining him in the bullpen are San Francisco's Brian Wilson, San Diego's Heath Bell and Cincinnati's Francisco Cordero.



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CRASHING TO THE BALL North Korea's Ri Ye Gyong, left, and Sweden's Annica Svensson vie for the ball during a Group C match Saturday at the Women's World Cup in Augsburg, southern Germany.

Sweden tops N. Korea in World Cup

By Raf Casert
Associated Press

AUGSBURG, Germany — Sweden reached the quarterfinals of the Women's World Cup, defeating North Korea 1-0 on Saturday on a second-half goal by Lisa Dahlkvist.

North Korea, which started five teenagers, wilted late in the game and was all but eliminated from the tournament after two losses in two games.

The United States joined the Swedes at the top of Group C — putting both teams among the last eight — by beating Colombia 3-0 in Sinsheim.

Sweden scored in the 64th minute when Linda Forsberg crossed into the middle and Therese Sjogran picked out the unmarked Dahlkvist for a simple finish from close range.

North Korea nearly tied it in the 73rd minute when Ri Un-hyang's header from a corner kick was cleared off the line by Sara Thunebro.

"Unfortunately, we really didn't convert the chances that we had," North Korea coach Kim Kwang-Min said.

Sweden	**1**
North Korea	0

Sweden would have won by a wider margin had tall strikers Lotta Schelin and Jessica Landstrom shown a more polished finishing touch.

"Anyway, for me, it doesn't matter. I am satisfied," coach Thomas Dennerby said. "Hopefully, we have lots of games left for the Swedish team, and they can create chances and score then."

For North Korea, featuring a 16-year-old midfielder in Kim Su-Gyong, it was always was going to be a challenge against an experienced and towering Swedish squad.

"They are very young and haven't got a lot of experience," coach Kim said. "In the second half they had much less energy. They also lacked concentration and we didn't convert the chances."

From the outset, Sweden took the game to North Korea, and Schelin saw a shot in the second minute sail just wide.

The North Koreans, who had also held the U.S. to a goalless stalemate until the second half of their opener before losing 2-0, managed to keep a neat passing game going for an hour— but struggled to create any real chances.

The Swedes had opportunities before halftime and just after the break, with Dahlkvist missing a clear chance on the counterattack. North Korea survived a frantic goalmouth scramble in the 52nd minute, two minutes before Dahlkvist broke the deadlock.

The only disappointment for Sweden came in the 60th minute when captain Caroline Seger was drew a yellow card for a run-in with the referee. She will miss her team's final group game against the U.S.

For the North Koreans, the World Cup has proved a valuable experience.

"They have learned a lot," the coach said. "In four years time, we will show a stronger team to the world."

Watney, Fowler share lead

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. — Rickie Fowler's ordinary season came to life Saturday in the AT&T National.

On a day in which the course record lasted only 20 minutes because of such low scoring, Fowler did his part by making six birdies in his opening 10 holes and wound up with a 6-under 64 to share the lead with World Golf Championship winner Nick Watney.

For all the hype over the fashionable Fowler, the 22-year-old hasn't won on the PGA Tour in 46 starts as a pro. He gave himself a chance at Aronimink with a game so dynamic that he missed two putts inside 10 feet and still shot 30 on the front nine.

Watney did his damage on the back nine and became the third player to break the course record on greens that were surprisingly soft. With a 30-foot eagle putt on the 16th, and a daring wedge to 5 feet on the 17th, he shot 27 on the back nine and finished with a 62.

That broke the record of 63 that Steve Marino had about 20 minutes earlier. Marino had matched the record that Chris Kirk posted about an hour before that.

Adam Scott had a 66 and didn't feel as though he had made up much ground.

"I'm quite happy with a 66, to be honest," Scott said. "But yeah, it doesn't really stack up against a 62, does it?"

Of the 76 players who teed off Saturday — Vijay Singh withdrew because of a back injury — 40 of them had rounds in the 60s.

The tournament, however, remains wide open going into the final round Sunday.

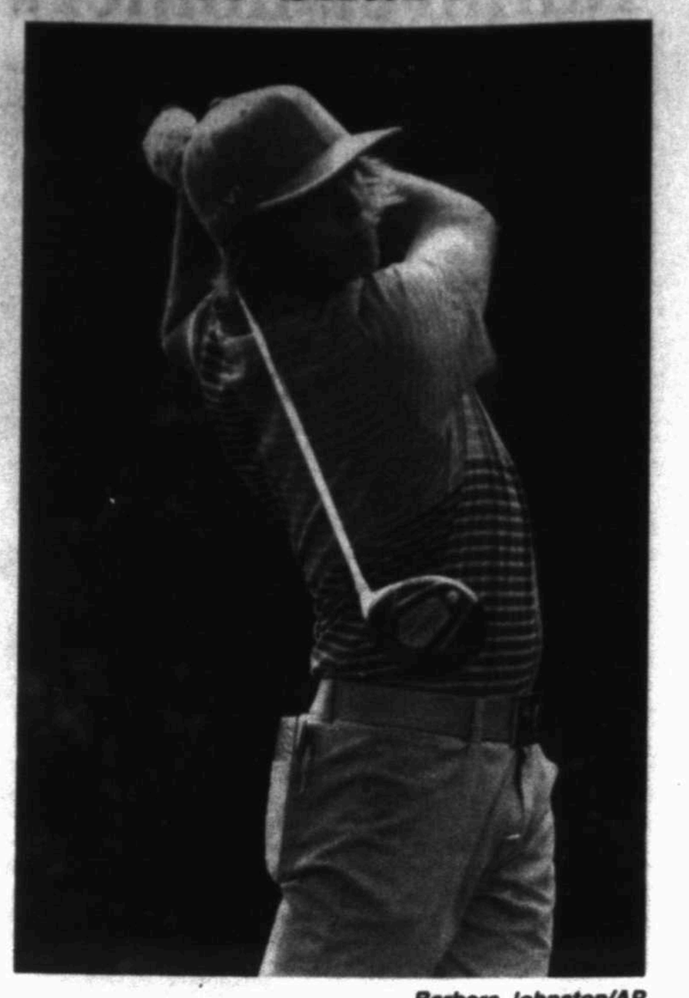
Fowler and Watney were at 9-under 201, one shot ahead of 36-hole leader K.J. Choi, who started and finished well to compensate for some poor shots in the middle. Choi birdied two of his last three holes, including a 30-foot birdie putt on the 18th, to salvage a 69.

Scott, Marino and Webb Simpson — he had a 64 that was easy to overlook — were two shots behind at 7-under 203, while the group at 204 included Kirk and Charlie Wi, who was going along nicely until he played it safe off the 316-yard 13th tee and wound up four-putting for a double bogey.

Fowler isn't the only player going for his first win.

Marino is regarded as among the best to have never collected a PGA Tour trophy, and he and Simpson — also winless on tour — could have even more at stake Sunday. The leading player among the top five not already eligible will be exempt for the British Open. Marino and Simpson also are battling for a higher ranking to see who will be the top alternate — which becomes more significant with Tiger Woods not expected to compete at Royal St. George's.

Watney, the highest-ranked player at Aronimink at No. 15 in the world, didn't figure to be part of the mix when he made a mess of the par-5 ninth hole for his second straight bogey. For some reason, certainly one that Watney couldn't explain, the hole started looking bigger.



Barbara Johnston/AP

TIED FOR THE LEAD Rickie Fowler tees off Saturday on the 18th hole during the third round of the AT&T National at Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, Pa.

ADVANCES

From 1C

"It's a growing experience," said defender Nataly Arias, who was born and raised in the Washington, D.C., area. "It was their size, their speed. They're all big, they're all fast, they're all agile."

And it could have been even worse for the Colombians. The Americans missed at least a half-dozen other chances, and had a whopping 27-12 advantage in shots. Abby Wambach missed so many chances she had little choice but to laugh at her misfortunes by the end of the game, and Rapinoe banged a shot off the crossbar.

Colombia did get four shots on goal, with their best chance coming in the 54th minute. Orianica Velasquez came in as a substitute, immediately got possession and took a shot, but Hope Solo punched it away.

"It's a tough loss for us, obviously," Arias said. "At the same time, I feel proud of what we did in this game."

The Americans are feeling pretty good about themselves, too.

Though the U.S. is the top-ranked team in the world and the defending Olympic champion, it was Germany, not the Americans considered the favorite when the tournament began. They had dropped three games in a five-month span after going more than two years without a loss, and needed to win a two-game playoff with Italy just to get to Germany.

But the U.S. rolled through its first two games, and its confidence is growing with every win. Though Wambach has yet to score and the Americans are struggling to finish shots, their five goals have come from five different players.

"That's a huge positive," O'Reilly said.

O'Reilly made Colombia pay for its botched clearance of a goal kick in the 12th minute, jumping on the ball after it bounced off Liana Salazar. O'Reilly took a few steps and then blasted a right-footed shot from 25 yards that Sepulveda had no chance to stop. It was O'Reilly's third World Cup goal, and 30th overall.

Marcio Jose Sanchez/AP

TAKING THE BALL AWAY United States' Carli Lloyd, left, and Colombia's Yulieht Dominguez fight for the ball Saturday during a group C match at the Women's World Cup in Sinsheim, Germany.

WORLD CUP SCORES AND SCHEDULE

Women's World Cup Glance
FIRST ROUND
(Top two nations in each group advance)

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-France	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
x-Germany	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Nigeria	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
Canada	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

x-advanced to quarterfinals

Sunday, June 26
At Sinsheim, Germany
France 1, Nigeria 0
At Berlin
Germany 2, Canada 1
Thursday, June 30
At Bochum, Germany
France 4, Canada 0
At Frankfurt
Germany 1, Nigeria 0
Tuesday's Games
At Moenchengladbach, Germany
France vs. Germany, 1:45 p.m.
At Dresden, Germany
Canada vs. Nigeria, 1:45 p.m.

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Japan	2	2	0	0	6	1	6
England	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Mexico	2	0	1	1	1	5	1
New Zealand	2	0	0	2	2	4	0

x-advanced to quarterfinals

Monday, June 27
At Bochum, Germany
Japan 2, New Zealand 1
At Wolfsburg, Germany
Mexico 1, England 1
Friday, July 1
At Leverkusen, Germany
Japan 4, Mexico 0
At Dresden, Germany
England 2, New Zealand 1
Tuesday's Games
At Augsburg, Germany
England vs. Japan, 11:15 a.m.
At Sinsheim, Germany
New Zealand vs. Mexico, 11:15 a.m.

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-United States	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
x-Sweden	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Colombia	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
North Korea	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

x-advanced to quarterfinals

Tuesday, June 28
At Leverkusen, Germany
Sweden 1, Colombia 0
At Dresden, Germany
United States 2, North Korea 0
Saturday, July 2
At Augsburg, Germany
Sweden 1, North Korea 0
At Sinsheim, Germany
United States 3, Colombia 0
Wednesday, July 6
At Wolfsburg, Germany
Sweden vs. United States, 1:45 p.m.
At Bochum, Germany
North Korea vs. Colombia, 1:45 p.m.

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Brazil	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Norway	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Australia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Eq. Guinea	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Wednesday, June 29
At Augsburg, Germany
Norway 1, Equatorial Guinea 0
At Moenchengladbach, Germany
Brazil 1, Australia 0
Today's Games
At Bochum, Germany
Australia vs. Equatorial Guinea, 7 a.m.
At Wolfsburg, Germany
Brazil vs. Norway, 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday, July 6
At Frankfurt
Equatorial Guinea vs. Brazil, 11 a.m.
At Leverkusen, Germany
Australia vs. Norway, 11 a.m.

QUARTERFINALS
Saturday, July 9
At Leverkusen, Germany
Group B winner vs. Group A second place, 11 a.m.
At Wolfsburg, Germany
Group A winner vs. Group B second place, 1:45 p.m.
Sunday, July 10
At Augsburg, Germany
Group C winner vs. Group D second place, 6 a.m.
At Dresden, Germany
Group D winner vs. Group C second place, 10:30 a.m.

SEMIFINALS
Wednesday, July 13
At Moenchengladbach, Germany
Leverkusen quarterfinal winner vs. Dresden quarterfinal winner, 11 a.m.
At Frankfurt
Wolfsburg quarterfinal winner vs. Augsburg quarterfinal winner, 1:45 p.m.

THIRD PLACE
Saturday, July 16
At Sinsheim, Germany
Semifinal losers, 10:30 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 17
At Frankfurt
Semifinal winners, 1:45 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GOLF ROUNDUP

USGA

WOMEN'S U.S. AMATEUR PUBLIC LINKS: At Bandon, Ore., UCLA's Brianna Do won the Women's U.S. Amateur Public Links, beating Texas high school star Marissa Dodd 1-up in the 36-hole final on Bandon Dunes' Old Macdonald course.

The 21-year-old Do was born in California but represented her parents' home country of Vietnam this week.

The 17-year-old Dodd, from Allen, has committed to play for Wake Forest in the fall.

U.S. AMATEUR PUBLIC LINKS: At Bandon, Ore., Clemson's Corbin Mills became the first qualifying medalist to win the U.S. Amateur Public Links in 11 years, holing a 5-foot par putt on the 37th hole to finish off UNLV's Derek Ernst.

The 21-year-old Mills, from Easley, S.C., is the first qualifying medalist to win the title since former Clemson star D.J. Trahan in 2000. He squared the match with a conceded eagle on the 35th hole and matched Ernst with a par on the 36th to force the extra hole on Bandon Dunes' Old Macdonald course.

The 21-year-old Ernst, from Clovis, Calif., won the 2010 and 2011 Mountain West Conference titles.

Champions

MONTREAL CHAMPIONSHIP: At Blainville, Quebec, Taiwan's Lu Chien-soon shot a 9-under 63 to match the course record and take a one-stroke lead over John Cook after the second round of the Champions Tour's Montreal Championship.

The 51-year-old Lu bogeyed the opening hole, then had 10 birdies in a 13-hole stretch from Nos. 5 to 17 to reach 16 under at Fontainebleau Golf Club. He tied the course record set last year by D.A. Weibring in the inaugural tournament and matched Friday by Cook and John Huston.

Cook, a two-time winner this year, had a 66. Huston was two strokes back after a 67. He won the Dick's Sporting Goods Open last week in Endicott, N.Y., for his first victory on the 50-and-over tour.

PGA European

FRENCH OPEN: At Saint-Quentin-en-Yve-Lines, France, England's Mark Foster shot a 3-under 68 for a share of the third-round lead with countryman James Morrison in the French Open.

Morrison had a 72 to match Foster at 9-under 204.

Scotland's Richie Ramsay (68) was a stroke back. German star Martin Kaymer, the 2009 winner, and France's Thomas Levet were three strokes back after 67s.

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SATURDAY'S GOLF SCORES

PGA Tour

AT&T National Scores
Saturday
At Aronimink Golf Club
Newtown Square, Pa.
Purse: $6.2 million
Yardage: 7,237; Par: 70
Third Round
x-amateur

Nick Watney	70-69-62	— 201
Rickie Fowler	66-69-64	— 201
K.J. Choi	69-64-68	— 201
Steve Marino	70-70-63	— 203
Webb Simpson	69-70-64	— 203
Adam Scott	66-71-66	— 203
Chris Kirk	70-71-63	— 204
Bill Haas	68-70-66	— 204
Chris Stroud	70-68-66	— 204
Bryce Molder	69-67-68	— 204
Jeff Overton	71-65-68	— 204
Charlie Wi	69-66-69	— 204
Charles Howell III	68-68-69	— 205
Kevin Stadler	73-69-64	— 206
Spencer Levin	70-68-68	— 206
John Merrick	68-70-68	— 206
Troy Matteson	68-70-68	— 206
Bo Van Pelt	69-66-71	— 206
Justin Leonard	68-67-71	— 206
Cameron Tringale	75-68-64	— 207
Justin Rose	70-72-65	— 207
J.J. Henry	70-69-68	— 207
Robert Allenby	71-68-68	— 207
Jhonattan Vegas	67-71-69	— 207
Joe Ogilvie	67-70-70	— 207
Kyle Stanley	67-68-71	— 207
Scott McCarron	70-73-65	— 208
D.J. Trahan	70-72-66	— 208
Andres Romero	71-70-67	— 208
Robert Garrigus	68-72-68	— 208
Kevin Streelman	71-69-68	— 208
Hunter Mahan	72-71-66	— 209
Tom Gillis	72-69-68	— 209
J.B. Holmes	73-67-69	— 209
George McNeill	70-70-69	— 209
Dean Wilson	67-73-69	— 209
Johnson Wagner	71-68-70	— 209
Trevor Immelman	68-70-70	— 209
Kevin Na	69-69-71	— 209
Kent Jones	71-72-67	— 210
Charley Hoffman	71-69-70	— 210
Hunter Haas	68-74-70	— 210
a-Patrick Cantlay	70-69-71	— 210
Michael Thompson	70-69-71	— 210
Chris Riley	69-66-75	— 210
Stephen Ames	70-71-69	— 210
Brian Davis	71-72-68	— 211
Michael Connell	74-69-68	— 211
Ryuji Imada	72-70-69	— 211
Michael Putnam	70-70-69	— 211
Geoff Ogilvy	71-71-69	— 211
Tim Herron	71-71-69	— 211
Chris DiMarco	71-70-70	— 211
Pat Perez	69-74-70	— 213
Cameron Beckman	73-69-70	— 212
Troy Merritt	74-68-70	— 212
Vaughn Taylor	70-71-71	— 212
David Hearn	69-70-73	— 212
D.A. Points	68-71-73	— 212
Carl Pettersson	73-70-70	— 213
a-Peter Uihlein	73-69-71	— 213
Ryan Moore	72-70-71	— 213
Brendon de Jonge	70-71-72	— 213
Kris Blanks	70-71-72	— 213
William McGirt	72-67-74	— 213
Kevin Chappell	70-72-72	— 214
Garrett Willis	73-69-72	— 214
Mike Weir	69-71-74	— 214
Gary Woodland	68-71-74	— 214
Rod Pampling	74-69-72	— 215
Ricky Barnes	70-73-72	— 215
Bill Lunde	74-68-73	— 215
Tag Ridings	70-72-73	— 215
Steve Flesch	73-70-74	— 217
Joe Durant	72-71-76	— 219
Paul Goydos	75-66-79	— 220
Vijay Singh	68-70-WD	

Champions

Montreal Championship Scores
Saturday
At Club de Golf Fontainebleau
Montreal
Purse: $1.0 million
Yardage: 7,070; Par: 72
Second Round

Chien Soon Lu	65-63	— 128
John Cook	63-66	— 129
John Huston	63-67	— 130
Jay Haas	65-66	— 131
Jorry Sindelar	66-65	— 131
Dan Forsman	65-67	— 132
Jeff Sluman	65-67	— 132
Phil Blackmar	69-64	— 133
Michael Allen	67-66	— 133
Tom Lehman	67-66	— 133
Corey Pavin	66-67	— 133
Chip Beck	67-67	— 134
Peter Senior	67-67	— 134
Bob Tway	67-67	— 134
Larry Mize	65-69	— 134
Scott Simpson	69-66	— 135
David Eger	68-67	— 135
Brad Bryant	68-67	— 135
Tom Kite	70-65	— 135
Eduardo Romero	67-68	— 135
R.W Eaks	66-69	— 135
Vicente Fernandez	69-66	— 135
Joe Daley	69-67	— 136
Roger Chapman	68-68	— 136
Bruce Fleisher	71-65	— 136
Jay Don Blake	67-69	— 136
Bill Glasson	67-69	— 136
Fulton Allem	66-70	— 136
Mike Goodes	69-68	— 137
Morris Hatalsky	69-68	— 137
Olin Browne	70-67	— 137
Tom Wargo	70-67	— 137
Jim Thorpe	70-67	— 137
Tom Pernice, Jr.	70-67	— 137
John Morse	68-69	— 137
Lonnie Nielsen	67-70	— 137
Mark McNulty	67-70	— 137
Steve Lowery	69-69	— 138
Hale Irwin	70-67	— 137
David Frost	67-70	— 137
Joe Ozaki	71-66	— 137
Jerry Pate	71-66	— 137
Hal Sutton	66-71	— 137
Tommy Armour III	65-72	— 137
Bob Gilder	69-69	— 138
Tim Simpson	70-68	— 138
Mark Brooks	67-71	— 138
Keith Clearwater	71-67	— 138
Rod Spittle	69-70	— 139
Keith Fergus	69-70	— 139
Mike Hulbert	69-70	— 139
Jim Rutledge	69-70	— 139
Mark Mouland	68-71	— 139
Steve Pate	71-68	— 139
Andy Bean	71-68	— 139
Robert Thompson	71-68	— 139
Ted Schulz	69-71	— 140
Jim Gallagher, Jr.	69-71	— 140
David Peoples	69-71	— 140
Lee Rinker	69-71	— 140
Larry Nelson	70-70	— 140
Wayne Levi	72-68	— 140
Fred Holton	73-67	— 140
Allen Doyle	69-72	— 141
Bobby Wadkins	68-73	— 141
Bobby Clampett	71-70	— 141
Steve Haskins	73-68	— 141
Dana Quigley	71-71	— 142
Yvan Beauchemin	71-71	— 142
Gary Hallberg	70-73	— 143
Mitch Adcock	70-73	— 143
Donnie Hammond	72-72	— 144
Mark Wiebe	72-72	— 144
Steve Jones	69-76	— 145
Blaine McCallister	76-69	— 145
Mike Reid	76-69	— 145
* Ronnie Black	78-67	— 145
Daniel Talbot	72-74	— 146
J.L. Lewis	75-74	— 149

PGA European

Alstom Open de France Leading Scores
Saturday
At Le Golf National (Albatross course)
Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, France
Purse: $4.29 million
Yardage 7,347; Par: 71
Third Round

Mark Foster, England	68-68-68	— 204
James Morrison, England	68-68-72	— 204
Richie Ramsay, Scotland	69-68-68	— 205
Martin Kaymer, Germany	71-69-67	— 207
Thomas Levet, France	70-70-67	— 207
Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark	68-71-71	— 208
Bradley Dredge, Wales	72-68-69	— 209
Richard Green, Australia	65-69-76	— 209
Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium	69-70-71	— 210
Jamie Donaldson, Wales	70-71-69	— 210
Simon Khan, England	70-70-70	— 210
Anthony Wall, England	68-73-69	— 210
Also		
Brendan Steele, United States	74-70-67	— 211
Graeme Storm, England	65-75-71	— 211
Lorenzo Gagli, Italy	72-67-73	— 212
Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand	68-70-74	— 212
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	71-70-72	— 213
Rhys Davies, Wales	71-72-70	— 213
Robert Rock, England	70-74-69	— 213
Anders Hansen, Denmark	70-69-75	— 214
Matteo Manassero, Italy	68-73-73	— 214
Alexander Noren, Sweden	74-70-70	— 214
Colin Montgomerie, Scotland	71-70-74	— 215
Peter Whiteford, Scotland	68-72-75	— 215
Eduardo Molinari, Italy	75-69-72	— 216
Chris Wood, England	70-72-74	— 216
Michael Campbell, New Zealand	72-67-78	— 217
George Coetzee, South Africa	68-75-75	— 217
Johan Edfors, Sweden	73-71-74	— 218

USGA

USGA Women's Amateur Publinks Results
Saturday
At Old Macdonald at Bandon Dunes
Golf Resort
Bandon, Ore.
Yardage: 6,088; Par: 71
Finals 36 holes
Brianna Do, Vietnam (155), def. Marissa Dodd, Allen (154), 1 up.

USGA Men's Amateur Publinks Results
Saturday
At Old Macdonald
Bandon, Ore.
Yardage: 6,833; Par: 71
Finals 36 holes
Corbin Mills, Easley, S.C. (136) def. Derek Ernst, Clovis, Calif. (145), 37 holes.

No. 1 vs. No. 2 in today's Wimbledon final

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — From 1983 to 2003, the world's top two players never met each other in the Wimbledon men's final.

It's about to happen for the seventh time in eight years — with a couple of twists.

Thanks mainly to a couple of guys named Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, No. 1 vs. No. 2 Grand Slam finals became something of a regular occurrence in recent years, at the All England Club and elsewhere. Today, No. 1 Nadal will be involved in yet another 1-2 Wimbledon championship matchup, only it'll be against No. 2 Novak Djokovic — and they'll switch spots in the ATP rankings a day later.

As of Monday, Djokovic will move up to No. 1, and Nadal will slide down to No. 2, regardless of today's outcome. Whichever man wins, it will be the sixth major title in a row that's gone to Nadal (French Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open in 2010, French Open in 2011) or Djokovic (2010 Australian Open).

"One guy played unbelievable the first half of the year, so he's the new No. 1," Nadal said. "We just can congratulate him, because what he did this first part of the season is something really impressive, really fantastic."

That's definitely the case.

Djokovic is 47-1 in 2011, including a 4-0 record against Nadal, beating him in two hard-court finals and two clay-court finals.

"The four times I won against him this year can probably help me in some ways mentally prior to this match," said Djokovic, who is 11-16 against Nadal overall, including 0-5 in Grand Slam tournaments.

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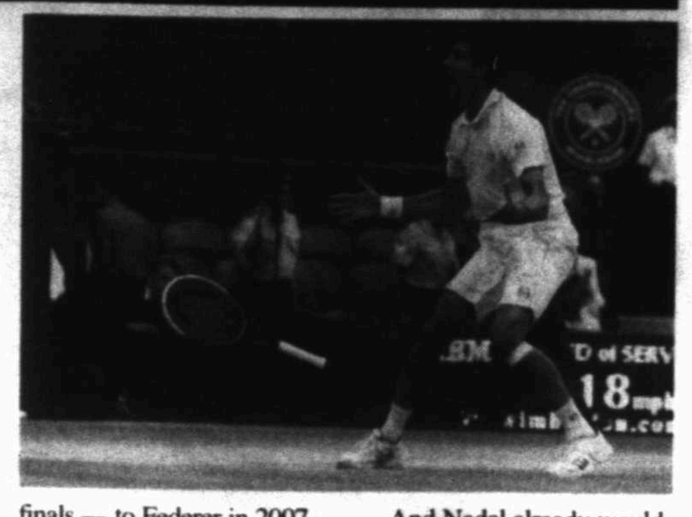

FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP Rafael Nadal, top, and Novak Djokovic, right, will face each other for the Wimbledon championship today. Nadal No. 1 while Djokovic is No. 2. Nadal is looking for his 11th Grand Slam trophy and third Wimbledon title.

The 24-year-old Serb won the first seven tournaments he entered this season, before his 43-match winning streak, dating to the Davis Cup final in December, ended with a loss to Federer in the French Open semifinals.

"He's the best player in the world (at) the moment," Jo-Wilfried Tsonga said after losing to Djokovic in Friday's semifinals.

That victory moved Djokovic into his first final at Wimbledon, and fifth at a Grand Slam tournament. He's 2-2 so far, winning the Australian Open twice, and losing in two U.S. Open finals — to Federer in 2007 and to Nadal last year.

This one carries the most significance to Djokovic, though.

"First time I watched tennis or anything related to tennis was Wimbledon ... when I was 4, 5. I remember those days," he said. "I remember always Wimbledon being 'the one.'"

Nadal, meanwhile, is seeking his third Wimbledon title and 11th Grand Slam trophy overall. A month past his 25th birthday, Nadal would be the second-youngest man to get to 11, barely behind Bjorn Borg.

And Nadal already would be tied for fourth-most Grand Slam titles in history, trailing only Federer (16), Pete Sampras (14) and Roy Emerson (12).

Nadal refuses to talk about pursuing Federer's record.

"I think about the number '10.' That's what I have at home. That's what I'm able to see when I go back home, in my bedroom," Nadal said. "I don't have 11, I don't have 12, I don't have 15, or 16; 16 is very far. I believe the number is not going stop there. Roger will have more chances to win more."

SATURDAY AT WIMBLEDON

WIMBLEDON, England — A look at Wimbledon on Saturday:

Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 70 degrees.

Women's Final: No. 8 Petra Kvitova beat No. 5 Maria Sharapova 6-3, 6-4.

Stat of the Day: 3 — Left-handed women who have won Wimbledon in the Open era, with Kvitova joining Ann Jones and Martina Navratilova.

Quote of the Day: "Well, besides the fact that I lost, I think this is a big step for me, being here in the final. You know, feel like I'm improving." — Sharapova, who reached her first Grand Slam title match since having shoulder surgery in October 2008.

Today's Men's Final: No. 1 Rafael Nadal of Spain vs. No. 2 Novak Djokovic of Serbia.

Today's Forecast: Mostly sunny. High of 75.

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WIMBLEDON

From 1C

"One played well. The other didn't play well. Maria didn't play as good as she can."

That was, at least in part, Kvitova's doing.

She compiled 19 winners, most by zipping her heavy forehands and backhands from the baseline, where her 6-foot frame and long arms helped her get to seemingly out-of-reach balls.

"She created offensive opportunities from tough positions on the court," Sharapova said. "Sometimes it's just too good."

Kvitova also broke Sharapova five times, anticipating where serves were headed.

It helped that Sharapova double-faulted six times, although at least those were fewer than the 13 the Russian hit in the semifinals.

"She performed incredible. Sometimes, when you don't know what to expect and you don't know how you're going to feel, sometimes you play your best, because you have that feeling of nothing to lose," said the fifth-seeded Sharapova, who was playing in a major final for the first time since right shoulder surgery in October 2008. "She went for it, absolutely."

What really was odd was seeing the experienced and normally gritty Sharapova bothered by distractions such as the swarms of tiny greenflies that showed up Saturday or the occasional clap or yell that came from the stands during points.

Even more stunning was the way Sharapova crumpled at key moments. One example: She double-faulted twice in a row to lose serve and fall behind 4-2 in the first set. Sharapova turned her back to opped to her knees. A raucous celebration ensued in her guest box, including some overzealous chest-bumping that left one man knocked off his feet. Kvitova's allotted seats were completely filled — with her coach, parents, two brothers and Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour, among others — while Sharapova's section had only her agent, coach, hitting partner and fiance, New Jersey Nets guard Sasha Vujacic.

Kirsty Wigglesworth/AP

RETURN HIT Maria Sharapova returns a shot to Petra Kvitova on Saturday during the ladies' singles final at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon.

WIMBLEDON SCORES

Wimbledon Results
Saturday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
Wimbledon, England
Purse: $23.6 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor

Singles
Women
Championship

Petra Kvitova (8), Czech Republic, def. Maria Sharapova (5), Russia, 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles
Men
Championship

Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, def. Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Horia Tecau (8), Romania, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (2).

Women
Semifinals

Sabine Lisicki, Germany, and Sam Stosur, Australia, def. Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, and Tamarine Tanasugarn, Thailand, 6-3, 4-6, 8-6.

Championship

Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik (2), Slovenia, def. Sabine Lisicki, Germany, and Sam Stosur, Australia, 6-3, 6-1.

Mixed
Semifinals

Mahesh Bhupathi, India, and Elena Vesnina (4), Russia, def. Paul Hanley, Australia, and Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5.

Jurgen Melzer, Austria, and Iveta Benesova (9), Czech Republic, def. Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Chan Yung-jan (8), Taiwan, 6-4, 6-4.

Invitational Doubles
Round Robin
Gentlemen

Justin Gimelstob and Todd Martin, United States, def. Wayne Ferreira, South Africa, and Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Russia, 6-3, 3-6, 13-11 tiebreak.

Senior Gentlemen
Vijay Amritraj, India, and John Fitzgerald, Australia, def. Peter Fleming and Brad Gilbert, United States, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 10-8 tiebreak.

Pat Cash and Mark Woodforde, Australia, def. Mansour Bahrami, Iran, and Andrew Castle, Britain, 6-3, 7-5.

Junior Singles
Boys
Championship

Luke Saville (16), Australia, def. Liam Broady (15), Britain, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Girls
Semifinals

Irina Khromacheva (3), Russia, def. Caroline Garcia (2), France, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-1.

Ashleigh Barty (12), Australia, def. Indy de Vroome, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-1.

Junior Doubles
Boys
Semifinals

Oliver Golding, Britain, and Jiri Vesely (1), Czech Republic, def. Andres Artunedo Martinavarro and Roberto Carballes Baena (3), Spain, 7-5, 7-6 (5).

George Morgan, Britain, and Mate Pavic (2), Croatia, def. Liam Broady, Britain, and Filip Horansky (4), Slovakia, 6-3, 7-6 (2).

Girls
Semifinals

Eugenie Bouchard, Canada, and Grace Min (2), United States, def. Beatriz Haddad Maia, Brazil, and Mayya Katsitadze, Russia, 6-1, 6-3.

Demi Schuurs, Netherlands, and Tang Hao Chen, China, def. Irina Khromacheva, Russia, and Barbora Krejcikova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.

Wheelchair Doubles
Men
Semifinals

Maikel Scheffers and Ronald Vink (1), Netherlands, def. Robin Ammerlaan, Netherlands, and Stefan Olsson, Sweden, 6-0, 6-3.

Stephane Houdet and Michael Jeremiasz, France, def. Tom Egbertmi, Netherlands, and Shingo Kunieda (2), Japan, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (1), 6-4.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

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Archery

Indoor Archery League
For: Men and women of all ages
When: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday nights
Where: Sports Center, 2900 W. Front St.
Cost: $70 for a 10-week league
For more info: Call Charles at 683-4540 or e-mail cluss@13rnd.com

Baseball

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-9438

Private Baseball Instruction
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 817-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4140 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Vertical jump, speed and agility training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466, www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Summer ProAm Basketball League
What: Regional Development Basketball League
For: Players 18 and up and teams for summer basketball league to start in June
For more info: Call 866-806-9073, ext. 4399

West Texas High School Summer Shootout
When: July 9-10
Where: San Angelo
For: Boys/girls varsity teams, Class A-6A
Deadline: July 1
Cost: $225 per team
For more info: Call Chris Cardenas at 325-374-2910 or cardenas_chris@yahoo.com

Billiards

Eight and Nine ball leagues
When: Every Sunday and Wednesday, 6-8:30 p.m.
Where: Fast Freddy's, Midland
Sign-up at: Bauer Billiards or Fast Freddy's
For more info: Contact Bob Schultz, league director, 889-3113

Booster Clubs

Midland High Softball
When: First Thursday of every month, 7 p.m.
Where: MHS Youth Center
For more info: Call Russell at 561-8687

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Peal 684-5178 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesday
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Rock and Roll Two-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Friday
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Beginner tennis clinics
When: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245, Brandi at 697-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-8058

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member, free; YMCA Youth member, $5 and program participant, $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551

Midland College 2011 Girls Basketball Camps
When: Session 1, 9 a.m.-noon, July 18-21; Session 2, 1:30-4:30 p.m., July 18-21; Shooting camp, 6-8 p.m., July 18-21.
For: Grades 3rd-12th
Where: Midland College Physical Education Gymnasium
For more info: Contact Ron Jones at 685-4581 or rjones@midland.edu

Assembly Line Five Football Camps for Linemen and Tight Ends
When: July 16
Where: Memorial Stadium, Big Spring
Cost: $55
For more info: Go to www.tonyjohnsonmotivates.com or call 913-620-0167

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Atmos Energy's Fischer Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland International Airport
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbats.com

Cactus & Crude Bike MS 150
When: July 16-17
Where: Midland, Big Spring 150-mile bike tour
For more info: Go to www.bikeMS.org and select Midland

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
When: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3618 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
When: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Strength, speed, agility and power training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466, www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

Midland Lee Rebel Football Camp
When: July 18-21, 1st-5th grade, 6-10 a.m.; 6th-8th grades, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Lee High School
For: 1st through 8th grades
Cost: $60 per athlete
For more info: Contact coach Murchison at 432-689-1649 or wmurchison@midlandisd.net

Midland High Football Camp
When: July 18-21, 4th-6th grade, 8 a.m.; 7th-8th grade, 9-11 a.m.; 9th grade, 10 a.m.-Noon
Where: Memorial Stadium
For more information: Contact the MHS Fieldhouse at 689-1195

Golf

Swing Speed Training
For: All ages and handicaps
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Swing speed and fitness training
Where: Next Level Sports Training
For more info: 262-6466, www.happieraccelleration.com

Pee Wee Summer Golf Program
When: Check-in, 8 a.m. first day of clinic; 8:30-9:30 a.m. Session II, July 18-20; Session II, August 8-10
Where: Hogan Park Golf Course
Cost: $45
For: Boys and girls ages 4-8
For more info: Contact Hogan Park Golf Shop at 685-7360

Junior Golf Summer Program
When: Session II, July 16-22; Session III, August 8-12
Where: Hogan Park Golf Course
Cost: $80
For: Boys and girls ages 9 to 17
For more info: Contact Hogan Park Golf Course at 685-7360

2011 Summer Junior Golf Clinics
When: 9-11 a.m., Monday-Thursday, Session 2, June 27-30; Session 3, July 11-14; Session 4, August 1-4
For: Ages 5-12
Cost: $65 per student
For more info: Contact Nueva Vista Golf Club at 520-0500

Gaines County Golf Course Summer Junior Clinics
When: 9:30-11:30 a.m., June 29-July 1; July 20-22; Advance Clinic, Aug. 10-12
Cost: $15 per day, $45 per session; Advance clinic, $25 per day/$75 for session
For more info: Contact 758-3808

48th Annual Midland Women's City Golf Tournament
When: July 18-21
To enter: Contestants must be a resident of Midland for a minimum of 30 days and have a Midland residual address
Cost: $30 (Entry forms can be found at Green Tree CC, Midland CC, Hogan Park GC, Ranchland GC and Nueva Vista GC)
Note: Players with a handicap of 16.9 or lower will play in a qualifying tournament on July 18 at Green Tree CC
Deadline: July 15
For more info: Contact Judy Hunnicutt at 694-6314

Gymnastics

Next Level Gymnastics
What: Preschool, Stretch-n-Grow, All-around, T&T, Boys, special needs
For more info: Call 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4402 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $35 a month
For more info: Call 689-8139

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kenpo-Kung Fu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

XFactor Strength and Speed Training
When: Monday-Thursday, June 5-Aug. 11
Where: Estralmirings Midland/Odessa
For more info: Contact 432-617-4487 or go to www.Estralmirings-MidlandOdessa.com

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
Where/when: 1 p.m. Sunday Velvet Room (non-smoking); 7 p.m. Sunday, Woolers & Tweeters; 7 p.m. Monday, Woolers & Tweeters (shootout); 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Hog Pit; 7 p.m. Wednesday, Woolers & Tweeters; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Hog Pit; 1 p.m. Saturday, Velvet Room (non-smoking).
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Club Practice
When: 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Hogan Park
For more info: 697-6418

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-7147

HHD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 684-0692

Running

Permian Basin Running Club Runs
When: 7:30 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Elephant at Putt-Putt Golf on Loop 250
For more info: Visit pbrunningclub.tripod.com or call Greg Larson at 620-6124

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0999

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shooters
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on 5th Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter). Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jale's Claye
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshooters.org or call Hoppo Bonner 853-1402.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jose Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 8:30 p.m.

Speed and Agility Training
When: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For: All Ages
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Softball

Throwing velocity and swing speed training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466, www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis associatch, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

What: USTA Team Tennis Leagues
When: Adults 18 & older starting April 25
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Call: Sherry 620-9610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

What: USTA Women's Lone Star Team League (18 & older) Novices
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Call: 687-4046 or 296-0901

Midland Tennis Club (MTC)
What: MTC is a non-profit public tennis club having free tournaments and ladders for all ages and all levels for members.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual dues: $85 Adults. $30 Youths, $140 Families.
Call: 687-4046 or 563-1333 to join

Midland Tennis Club Tournaments 2011
What: Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles
When: July 23-24, August 27-28, September 10-11, October 8-9, October 22-23
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046, Enter Thursdays by 1 p.m. prior to each tournament

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 685-4500 or Lance Armstrong 687-4046

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-16 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-0866

Agility Training & Injury Prevention
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

MC Summer Tennis Program 2011
When: 9 a.m.-Noon, Monday-Thursday, Session 4, July 18-21
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Cost: $100 per week; families with multiple campers after full price is paid for first two, all other children attend same camp for half price
For more info: Contact Lance Armstrong at 687-4046

Black Gold Tennis Circuit
When: Various dates June-August
Circuit Schedule: July 8-9, Wink; July 11-12, Odessa; July 15-16, Sweetwater; July 22-23, San Angelo (Challenger); July 29-30, Midland (Challenger); Aug. 5-6, Monahans; Aug. 12-13, Andrews; August 21, Circuit Championship; site TBA
For: Junior High and High School age players
For more information and a circuit schedule: Go to www.blackgoldtennischcircuit.com

Track & Field

Speed and Power Training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Midland Crusaders Track Club Summer Program
When: 6:30-8 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday May 23-Aug. 6
Where: Memorial Stadium
For: Boys and girls 8-18 years old
For more info: Contact Tony Goyang at 694-2424 or 349-1125

Volleyball

Vertical jump, agility training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: Call 262-6466 or visit www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alan Rose 685-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.pbwiki.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Maltee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All adult levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest lever of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
When: Offers adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

MUGS/ASA Umpires Needed
When: Each Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Where: MUGS umpire building
For more info: Call David Edens at 684-0805 or Mack Gipson at 694-2837

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
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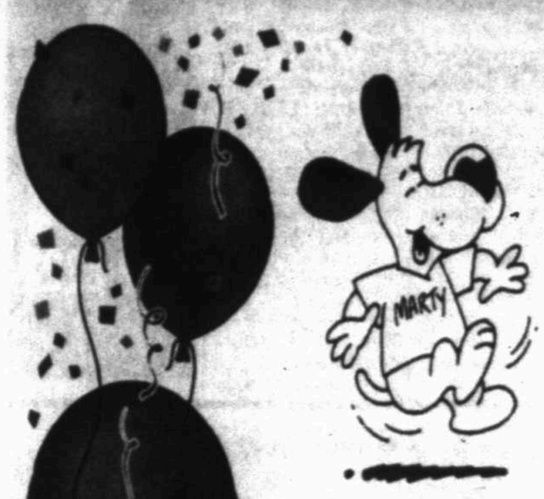

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Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for the construction project entitled **X-RAY ROOM #2 RENOVATIONS** at Midland Memorial Hospital - Main Campus, 2200 West Illinois, Midland, Texas, 79701

Bidders may obtain bid documents at the office of the Architect. JSA Architects on or after Monday, June 27, 2011 by contacting Jay K. Bradford, AIA at the following address:

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A deposit of $200.00 per set will be required.

A mandatory Pre-Bid conference will be held on Thursday, July 7, 2011 at 3:00 PM in the Facilities Services Department of Midland Memorial Hospital - Main Campus. All General Contractors will be required to submit AIA A305 - Contractor's Qualification Statement to the Architect prior to or at the Pre-Bid Conference unless they have one on file with the Owner or Architect that is less than 12 months old.

A Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) and a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required by the Owner.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a general contract with the Midland County Hospital District.

Three (3) copies of all bids must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital - Main Campus, 2200 West Illinois, Midland, Texas, 79701 by **12:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 13, 2011. Under no circumstances will bids received beyond July 13, 2011, 12:00 p.m. be accepted.**

All bids must be sealed and labeled "**BID #1032-062711 Enclosed**".

Faxed or emailed bids from bidders will not be accepted.

All bids must be price protected until October 13, 2011.

All bids will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the bids in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of AVIS R. ROBERTSON, Deceased, were issued on June 28, 2011, in Cause NO. P16697, pending in the County Court at Law of Midland, Texas, to: CODY LAYNE GILBREATH

The residence of the Independent Executor is: CODY LAYNE GILBREATH at 9413 W. University #5384, Odessa, Ector County, Texas 79764, the attorney's address is:

c/o Melanie Hollmann
Attorney-At-Law
3800 East 42nd Street, Suite 500
Odessa, Texas 79762

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 30th day of March, 2010.

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By: Melanie Hollmann
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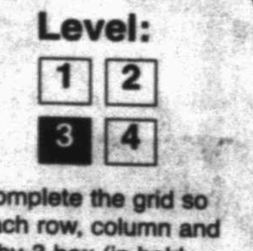

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NISSAN 2005 XTERRA 4X4, white, great condition, 68k mi, $14500, 413-7314.

TOYOTA 2007 Highlander, V6, 2WD, power windows and sunroof, 40,750 miles, excellent condition, $18,500. 699-1482.

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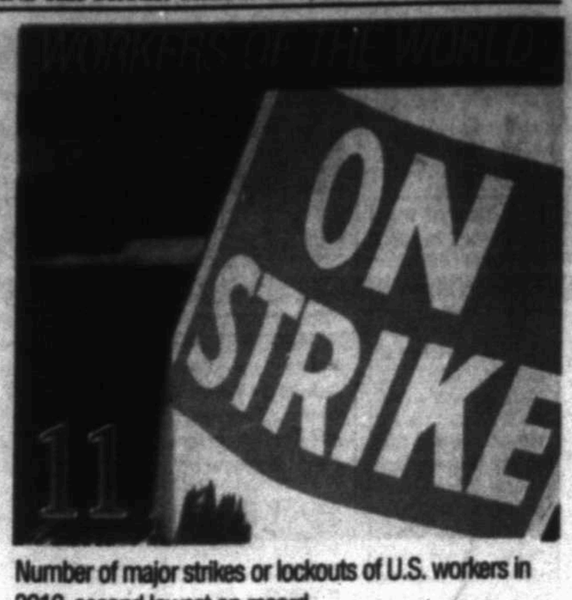

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HOW TO WORK A JOB FAIR

By LINDSEY ROMAIN
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Job fairs are a common event at colleges and universities, promoted as an important job-landing platform. But they're something jobseekers – especially recent graduates – may find daunting. Is it akin to a typical job interview? What do I bring? How do I behave?

It's easy to feel lost in a sea of other potential hires, but sticking to a few basic guidelines can provide optimal success in such an overwhelming atmosphere.

Be prepared.

There's nothing worse than showing up to an interview unprepared, and the same can be said of a job fair.

"It helps if candidates do research on the companies before a job fair and sound knowledgeable when they hand over a crisp copy of their résumé," says Rebecca Mazin, cofounder of Recruit Right, an HR consulting firm, and co-author of "The HR Answer Book" (AMACOM Books, 2011).

Bring multiple copies of your resumé, personal business cards, pens and a small notebook to jot down the companies that catch your eye. Have a portfolio? Bring it along. This is an opportunity to show prospective bosses everything that you are as a professional.

Come with a clean slate.

Make sure to maintain a sense of professionalism before even stepping foot in the fair. Making sure your online persona is respectable is a good start.

"Have a voicemail, e-mail and Facebook presence that are professional and that you wouldn't be embarrassed to show an employer," says Jennifer Halperin, an internship coordinator at Columbia College Chicago.

Look your best.

"Dress for success" may sound like a hokey term, but it should be a priority at a job fair.

"I would be more likely to hire someone if they were dressed appropriately, and not provocatively," says Halperin.

Keep skirts long enough, shirts wrinkle-free, and avoid denim jeans.

Don't be greedy.

Job fairs can be a happy hunting ground for free products emblazoned with logos: pens, water bottles, lanyards, posters, even chewing gum. According to a study from the Advertising Specialty Institute, 56 percent of responding human resources professionals say promotional products imprinted with a company's name convey a positive image when distributed at job fairs.

But being greedy and stocking up on stuff can make you appear overzealous and unprofessional. Take a pen, take a poster, but limit yourself to two items per booth. Wait for a company representative to invite you to help yourself. And remember to say Thank You.

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HIRE AUTHORITY

GET ENOUGH PROMOTIONS AND SOON THE TABLE TURNS. HOW NOT TO SCREW UP YOUR FIRST HIRE.

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
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Up-and-comers in organizations will eventually advance to managerial roles and be responsible for making their first hire. It's a high-stakes endeavor. Hiring someone only to turn around and part ways with him or her a short time later costs a company upwards of $4,000 on average, according to research conducted by the Westmont, Ill.-based human resources outsourcing firm Employco.

That's not counting the person's salary but merely the time and resources devoted to the hiring process and new-employee provisions such as training and key cards, says Tina Chen, vice president of operations.

Letting someone go – and hiring an under performer to begin with – can also affect morale and shake customers' confidence in an organization's stability, Chen says.

A candidate can look good on paper and perform exceptionally well in an interview but turn out to be a disappointment if not a disaster when put on the payroll. The hiring manager not only must be on the lookout for signs a candidate is too good to be true, but also for qualifications besides experience that are necessary to do the job.

"When leaders are looking to fill a staff vacancy, I suggest they start by creating an organizational staffing or resource plan," says Alice Waagen, president and founder of the Washington, D.C.-based management training firm Workforce Learning.

Think of it as a shopping list, not a wish list, created to fill specific needs for specific purposes, based on an actual inventory, not an ideal.

"Do an inventory of the work that needs to be accomplished, including the major goals and deliverables you need to achieve in the next six to 12 months," Waagen says. Keep in mind the tools needed to accomplish this work, including the infrastructure and support tasks, so a new hire will have in place what he or she needs to succeed.

"Use your inventory as a guide to seeking the right person for the job," Waagen says. "When you interview, you will be able to stay focused on the outcomes and deliverables you expect of the applicant and not be distracted by personality, background or other factors."

The fundamental question an interview should answer is whether the candidate can do the work and fill the gaps in the inventory.

Employers should research market values before they start shopping around to fill a staffing need. "Check sources like salary.com to see what the realistic salary range is for the job description you're posting," Chen says. "You get what you pay for."

A résumé is an artfully crafted sell sheet as opposed to a snapshot of a candidate's career and accomplishments. Don't put too much stock in it or in past experience in general, says Herb Greenberg, CEO of the management consulting firm Caliper, Princeton, N.J. A person can have 10 years of experience as a lion tamer and 10 fewer fingers to show for it, versus another candidate with two years of experience who is a natural lion whisperer.

Candidates rehearse answers to common questions about their experience and how they handled challenges in the past, Chen says, so present them with hypothetical situations instead. To see if candidates can think on their feet, ask "What would you do if…" as opposed to "Tell me about a time when…"

Chen also likes to ask, "If I were to hire you right now, what resources would you need from us to be successful?" And, "How long do you expect your ramp-up period is going to be?"

A person who can answer those questions has pictured himself or herself succeeding in the role.

Greenberg likes to find out what a person enjoyed most and least about previous jobs to make sure their passions align with the job requirements.

Aptitude and personality testing, drug testing, a background check and perhaps a credit history report are other ways to spot red flags. Look for patterns of behavior, not isolated incidents, Chen says. "It's not so much the transgression itself that should raise a red flag but, rather, repetitive behavior."

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SOCIAL NOTES

THE COMPANY YOU KEEP

More than 75 percent of college students may be using Facebook in a way that will damage their job prospects after they graduate. Party pics aren't the only problem: "We found that a major cause for concern is people telling others about the organizations they belong to or the events they attend," says Larry Chiagouris, a marketing professor at the Lubin School of Business at Pace University in New York, who conducted the study.

His study of 400 U.S. college students revealed that several key features of their Facebook pages suggest character traits "that most employers do not want in a prospective employee," says Chiagouris, author of "The Secret to Getting a Job after College," (Brand New World Publishing, 2011).

Researchers examined students' profile pictures, photo albums, status updates, organizations and events. Most people know to put their best face forward for their profile picture; only 22 percent were judged to be off-putting. Yet Chiagouris's study deemed 47 percent of photo albums inappropriate and an equal percentage of status updates problematic.

The eyebrow-raising didn't stop there. Thirty-seven percent of students' invitations and RSVPs were cause for concern, as were 29 percent of their memberships and affiliations.

Students are advised to change their privacy settings (click on Account in the upper right-hand corner) to confirm that no one other than friends can access their full profile. – *Dawn Klingensmith*

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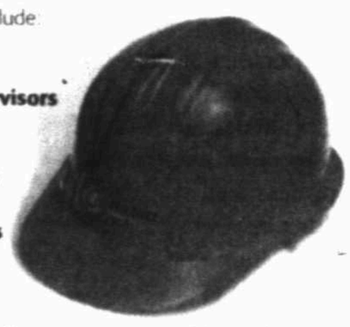

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Martin County Hospital

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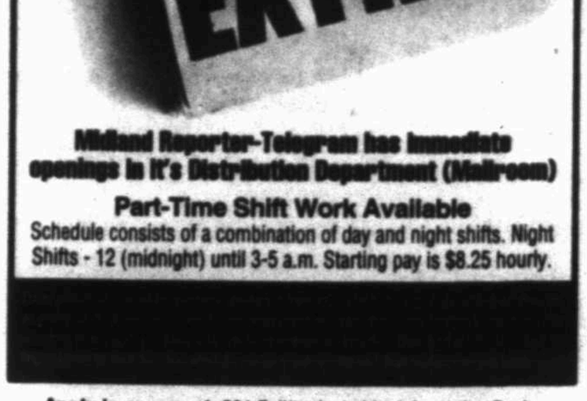

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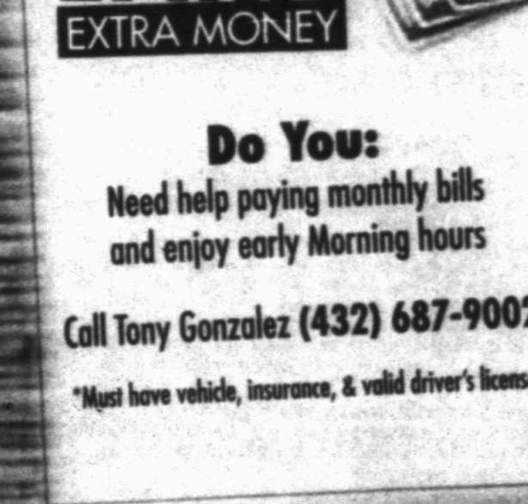

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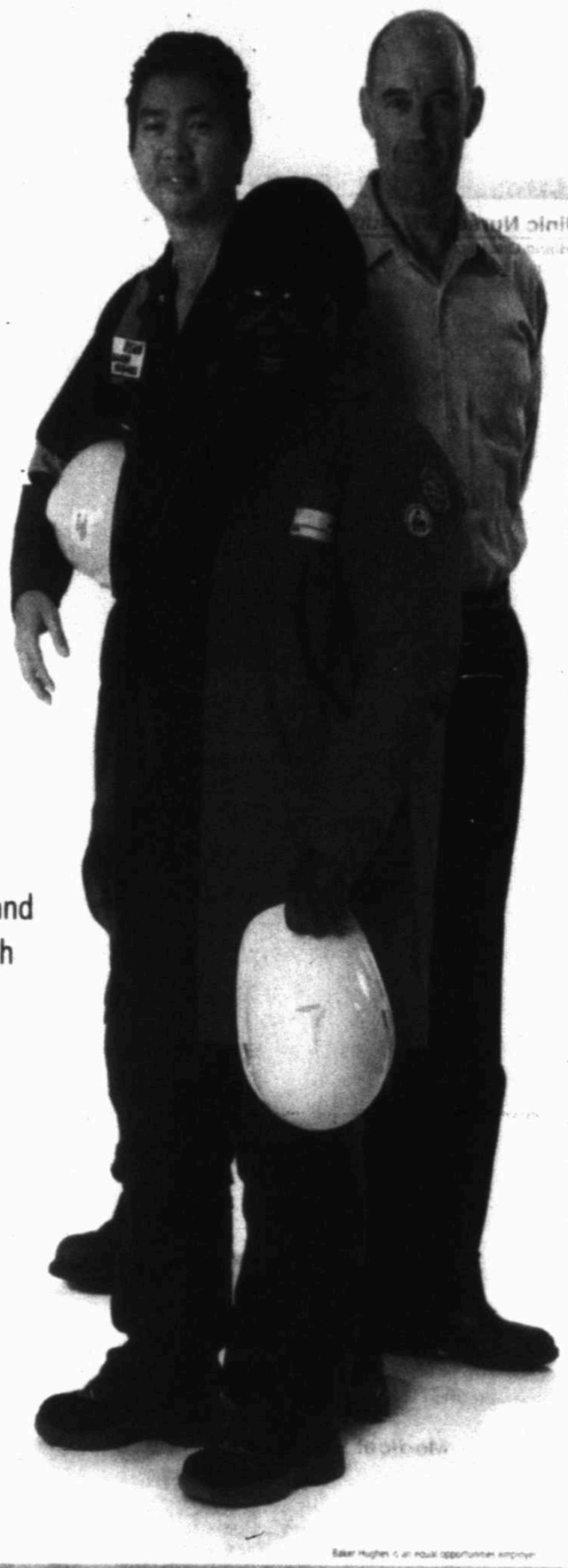

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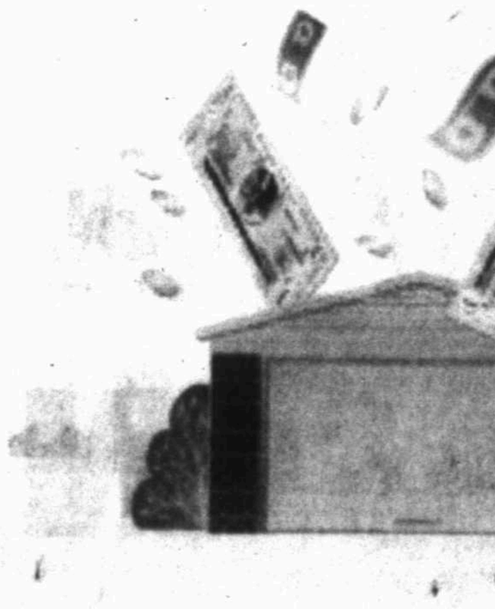

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Southern plantation rising...

Similar to a Southern plantation rising out of the land, 8001 Edinburgh in Pecan Acres welcomes you with a circular driveway leading to the door with lanterns at the entry to light your way. Tall trees and well-manicured landscaping surround the two-story, red brick white trimmed home and three-rail pipe fencing outlines the property that sits on two and a half acres. With 3,631 square feet of living space, this home, built in 1983, has four bedrooms, three full baths, one half bath, two living areas, two dining areas, a three car garage, carport and a floor to ceiling stone fireplace. This home is located in Saddle Club Ranch Estates. The school districts for this area are Scharbauer Elementary, Goddard Jr. High and Midland High School. This quiet, spacious neighborhood has quick access to major streets, shopping and dining.

Beautiful tile flooring flows throughout the house and a staircase leads to the second floor. A view of the back property can be seen from the front doors as you look through large windows. On your left, French doors lead to an office with a wall of bookshelves and additional cabinets keeping you organized! As you sit at your desk, you will have a view of the front yard. To the right of the front door is the formal dining area. Tile flooring and a chandelier are waiting for your dining table and chairs!

A door leads into the kitchen, which is long and full of rich wooden cabinets. Tile floors continue and bay windows provide a relaxing view out back. An island with cabinets and drawers offers space to prep recipes and skylights overhead allow you to see with natural lighting! Put your favorite table in the window area and enjoy meals as you marvel at the beautiful scenery! A door leads to a side porch where you can take your next dinner outside. The laundry room, as well as a half bath, is conveniently located by the kitchen. Another door leads to the three car garage where there is bonus space for a workbench.

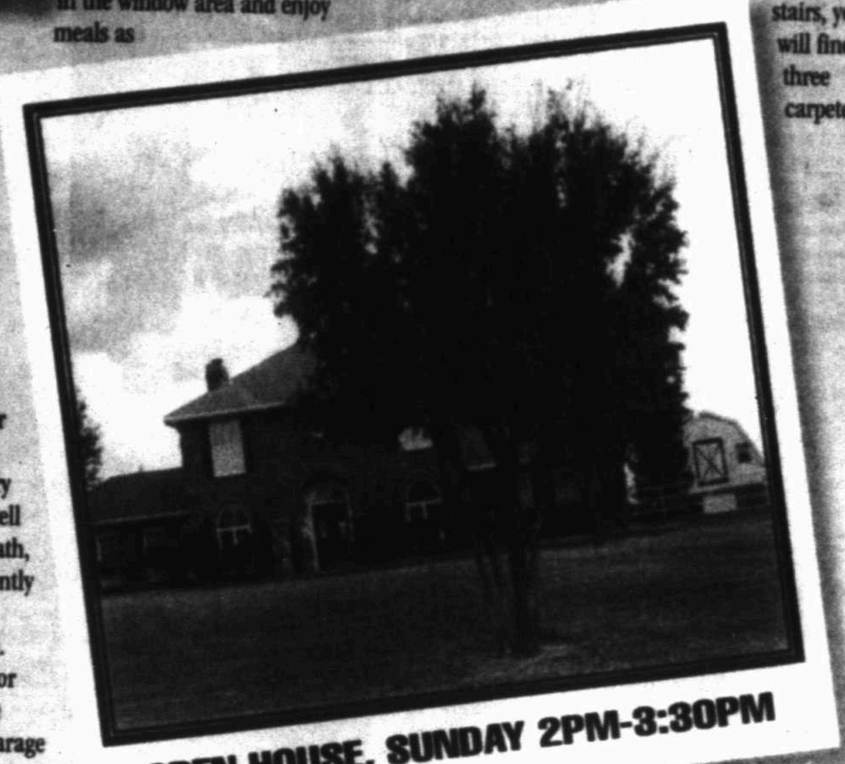
The living area of the home is a magnificent focal point! A stone floor to ceiling (to the second story) fireplace takes up one end of the room. Three large windows allow views of your fenced land, porch, barn and countryside! Look up and you will see the landing on the second floor, as well as, additional windows. This room is big and spacious and may become your favorite hangout!

The sequestered master bedroom is to the left of the den and features rich carpet and a view of the front. The bath has marble countertops with His and Hers sinks and a wraparound walk-in closet, which make this room relaxing and organized.

Back to the entry and up the stairs, you will find three carpeted bedrooms, each with a ceiling fan and spacious closet. There are two full bathrooms upstairs and a bonus room that could be a game room or playroom. Enjoy the view down to the first floor from the landing, which may be your next favorite reading area, or you may want to venture out on the balcony and relax. An outdoor spiral staircase leads back to the lower porch.

Take a short walk to the barn and open the door to pens for animals and a bonus room at the top of the stairs. A pool table, as well as a small game table, is yours when you purchase the house! You will not think of this space as a "barn." There is also a half bath for your convenience! RV covered parking is available just outside.

Additional amenities to this home include: wood shutters, automatic garage door opener, ceiling fans, smoke detectors, automatic sprinkler system and a barn/stable! This "Texas plantation" can be yours for $695,000. There will be an Open House on Sunday from 2pm-3:30pm. MLS#86735



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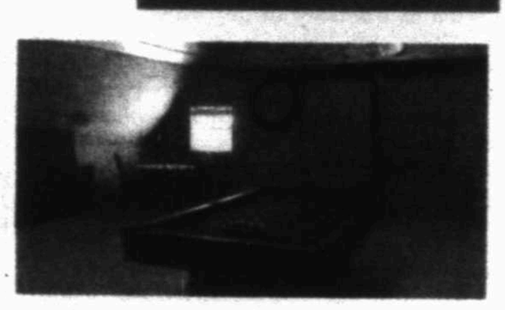

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3008 Sinclair; $210,000; 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2949 sq. ft. Spacious home with two living areas and workshop ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
3214 Draper; $149,900; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1717 sq. ft. Fannin school district home with open living. Lots of tile and laminate flooring. Great backyard and covered patio! ..... Call Patti Woolard 967-1846
910 W. 39th St.; $77,500; 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 948 sq. ft. Updated doors, flooring, cabinets, countertops, bathrooms fixtures, water heater, roof and a/c. Ready to move in! ..... Call Charlotte Dalton 352-7298

Midland Under $100,000

1627 English; $62,000; 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1036 sq. ft. New carpet, tile floor in kitchen. Great for first time home buyers or investor ..... Call Norman Heyman 894-6104
4322 Brookdale; UNDER CONTRACT...$74,900; 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1161 sq. ft. Great landscaped yard with workshop ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
1806 Magnolia; $74,000; 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 980 sq. ft. Great starter home ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
910 Howard Dr.;$71,500; 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1120 sq. ft. Great first home with lots of updates. Move-in ready! ..... Call Renee Salas 638-8083

Midland $100,000-$200,000

3009 Hyde Park; SOLD...$200,000; 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2919 sq. ft. Charming with two living and two dining rooms. Gourmet kitchen ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
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2829 Statz Dr.; $184,500; 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2819 sq. ft. Great family home in established neighborhood. Well maintained, large family room with built-in bookcases. 4 large bedrooms ..... Call Kay Sutton 416-0299
3007 Roosevelt; SOLD...$176,000; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1743 sq. ft. Spacious home with oversized garage ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
1322 E. Dormard; $170,900; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1740 sq. ft. Under construction! Great open floor plan! ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
5304 Lawson; SOLD...$169,900; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1791 sq. ft. Cute home in Greenwood district ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
3012 Illinois; UNDER CONTRACT...$164,900; 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1492 sq. ft. Low maintenance at its finest ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
2218 B H Street; REDUCED...$154,900; 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2065 sq. ft. Open floor plan with wood burning fireplace. 2 car garage ..... Call Sandy Tucker 894-1408
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Sunday Open House

7706 Trenton; $449,900...Sunday 1:30-3...Shown by Sandy Tucker 894-1408

Midland $100,000-$200,000

3233 Elma Dr.; SOLD...$145,000; 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1730 sq. ft. Great location on a wonderful cul-de-sac! ..... Call Janet Leek 202-5053
4002 Canadian; $139,900; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1546 sq. ft. In Greathouse School District ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
3318 W. Kansas; SOLD...$139,900; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1909 sq. ft. Fabulous home with huge workshop ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001.
1704 College; $135,000; 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1657 sq. ft. Charming home with many updates! ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
4403 Hemble; $134,900; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1610 sq. ft. Cute home with 224 sq. ft. shop ..... Call Brandi Geron 238-2402
905 W. Michigan; UNDER CONTRACT...$129,900; 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1355 sq. ft. Charming home in Old Midland ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
4824 Shadylane; REDUCED...$127,500; 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 1768 sq. ft. Cute home with 2 living areas and 2 dining areas ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
4405 Pleasant; $125,000; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1529 sq. ft. What an adorable home. Nothing to do but move in! ..... Call Ann Flatt 638-4074
608 S. Baldwood; UNDER CONTRACT...$119,000; 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1274 sq. ft. Cute home with low maintenance with lots of updates! ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
2608 A St.; $115,000; 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1546 sq. ft. Cute home whit poll sized backyard ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
122 N. Dewberry; $109,000; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1350 sq. ft. Fresh paint, recent carpet and large living room ..... Call Kay Sutton 416-0299

Midland $200,000-$300,000

5208 San Antonio; SOLD...3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1678 sq. ft. Cute home in Greathouse district ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
4104 S. County Rd. 1184 ; UNDER CONTRACT...$299,000; 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2654 sq. ft. In Ridge Heights, 24x40 shop, 13x30 RV pad, 12x28 barn on 1.4 acres ..... Call Leann Heller 349-3863
2826 Marmon; SOLD...$269,000; 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3312 sq. ft. Plantation home with pool, cabana, sauna and updates ..... Call Randi Bagwell 352-4134
1110 Mayfield; REDUCED...$249,900; 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3260 sq. ft. Completely remodeled home in Old Midland with tons of space! Fabulous large kitchen with granite countertops, tons of counter space and cabinets. Oversized, sequestered master bath with walk-in closets and updated bath. Call Brandi Geron 238-2402
2821 Calderas; UNDER CONTRACT...$244,900; 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2169 sq. ft. Like New!! Gourmet Kitchen! ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
3306 Stanolind Ave; UNDER CONTRACT...$225,000; 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2708 sq. ft. Completely redone -- on cul-de-sac. with workshop ..... Call Patti Woolard 967-1846
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12912 W. County Rd. 50; $229,900; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1980 sq. ft. Ranchette situated on 2.5 acres. 20 x 20 metal building, 3 car garage. Gardendale water district. ..... Call Jan Gregory 631-5198
2508 E. Golf Course Rd.; $225,900; 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2529 sq. ft. Versatile floor plan on over 9 acres, dog kennel, horse stall, and many pecan trees ..... Call Patti Woolard 967-1846 or Sandy Tucker 894-1408
3009 Meadowbrook Dr.; SOLD...$229,000; 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2561 sq. ft. Spacious living room with fireplace, sequestered master, and sparkling pool ..... Call Norman Heyman 894-6104
3107 Beybridge Ct; SOLD...$219,900; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1846 sq. ft. Low maintenance home with neutral carpet. Located on a quiet street ..... Call Kay Sutton 416-0299
3008 Sinclair; $210,000; 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2949 sq. ft. Spacious home with two living areas and workshop ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001

Midland Above $300,000

8311 Edinburgh; UNDER CONTRACT...$1,099,000; 5 bedrooms, 5 1/2 baths, 7255 sq. ft. Paradise awaits! Magnificent home on 2.5 acres with over 180 trees! 6000 sq. ft. of living space overlooking pool, tennis & basketball court. Guest or pool house of 1200 sq. ft. ..... Call Jan Gregory 631-5198

Midland Above $300,000

6300 Heywood; UNDER CONTRACT...$774,900; 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 4999 sq. ft. Chef style kitchen w/ granite and island. Entertainment haven w/ pool and outdoor kitchen ..... Call Jan Gregory 631-5198
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7767 Trenton; $649,900; 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3452 sq. ft. On 2 acres with 40x40 shop and 5 car garage. Kitchen w/ granite galore, massive fireplace and high ceilings ..... Call Jan Gregory 631-5198
2000 Jadewood; $525,000; 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3889 sq. ft. Beautiful home in Grassland West! Isolated master bedroom, 2 living areas, incredible details! ..... Call Kay Sutton 416-0299
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2200 S. County Rd. 1118; REDUCED...$410,000; 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2900 sq. ft. Greenwood w/ 5 acres, barn, shop and 2 water wells ..... Call Brandi Geron 238-2402
3301 Feldspar Lane; UNDER CONTRACT...$379,900; 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3220 sq. ft. Light, open gourmet kitchen. Large sequestered master with large walk-in closet and 16ft ceilings ..... Call Norman Heyman 894-6104
5613 Hathaway Court; $378,000; 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3382 sq. ft. Kitchen boasts ample storage space with elegant bar. Surround sound, through-out home. Sparkling pool ..... Call Norman Heyman 894-6104
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5313 Bella Pl.; $315,000; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2270 sq. ft. Stunning, new construction in Green Tree North ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001

Odessa Under $100,000

910 W. 35th St.; $77,500; 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 948 sq. ft. Updated doors, flooring, cabinets, countertops, bathrooms fixtures, water heater, roof and a/c. Ready to move in! ..... Call Charlotte Dalton 352-7298

Odessa $100,000-$200,000

9085 W. 19th; $162,000; 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2240 sq. ft. Great kitchen. Spacious bedrooms, tile throughout, jetted tub/ separate shower in master bath. Automatic sprinkler system. 1 year home warranty ..... Call Renee Salas 638-8083
2401 Eastover;...$119,000; 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2010 sq. ft. Bonus room could be possible 6th bedroom with attached bath and lots of updates ..... Call Lisa Neal 664-5987

Odessa Above $300,000

120 Oahu Lane; $819,000; 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 4257 sq. ft. Includes 2 master suites, gourmet kitchen and 4 car garage in The Fountains ..... Call Leann Heller 349-3863

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400 W. School Dr.; $199,900; 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3740 sq. ft. On 3 lots with a 12x24 shop. Large game room with bar ..... Call Charlotte Dalton 352-7298

Other Areas

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Land/Lots

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5312 Ellen Jayne Way; $89,000; 0.126 acres ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
5327 Bella Pl.; $69,000; 0.129 acres ..... Call Bill Lanier/ Charmaine Baker 889-7001
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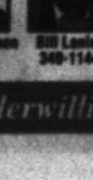
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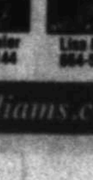
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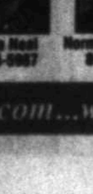
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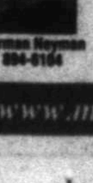
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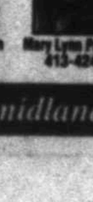
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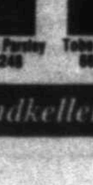
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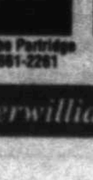
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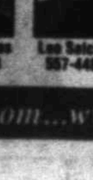
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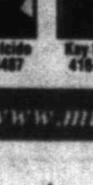
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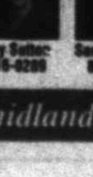
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Residential Sales

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Yes, interest rates on home mortgages rose late last year and early this year. However, in the past several weeks rates have again fallen to ridiculously low levels. Many economic analysts are indicating that this is the last chance to take advantage of this historic opportunity, especially since the Federal Reserve Board is schedule to end its extraordinary support of the bond markets in a few weeks.

Now is the time that you can make these rates go to work for you.

✓ Refinance to build up equity more quickly by moving to a 15 or 20 year mortgage;

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✓ Refinance to move from an adjustable to a safe and secure fixed rate;

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✓ Help your children become homeowners when housing is the most affordable in a generation.

Many are asking how long these super-low rates will be available. The truth is, we don't know. We do know that there is more potential for rates to move up rather than down right now. With rates so low, there just is not as much room on the downside. Not acting could mean missing out on a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

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Horton

(Midland, Texas) – Local agent Sharon Horton has joined forces with Coldwell Banker Covenant. She brings her market expertise and skill to a national leader in the real estate industry. Horton decided to team with Coldwell Banker for the brand recognition, one of the highest in the country, the business tools provided and overall support for her and her business.

"Coldwell Banker Covenant will help me exceed the expectations of my buyer and seller clients throughout the area," Mrs. Horton said. "They have one of the largest real estate networks in the world and are highly respected everywhere." Sharon went on to say "I am very excited to be a part of such a great team. The people have been very welcoming and have made my transition very easy. I know my customers will be equally excited."

"We are very excited to have Sharon as a part of our family," said Damon Crelia, General Manager. "Sharon is an ideal match for our mission and purpose. Through our business strategy coaching program, excellent education system and overwhelming national support, Sharon will continue to be a huge success in exceeding her client's goals in their quest of the American dream of homeownership."

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Buyers and Sellers Benefit From Home Warranty Plans

Home sellers are discovering the benefits of purchasing a home warranty, both before and after the sale. While the house is on the market, sellers gain peace of mind by knowing that a service contract covers most of the major built-in appliances and mechanical components of their home. For example, if the dishwasher springs a leak, most home warranties will cover these repairs during the listing period. In addition, Buyers are more attracted to resale homes that offer a home warranty plan because Murphy's Law typically means once you've spent all your ready cash on closing costs, the air conditioner will go on the blink. About 60% of home buyers ask whether a home is covered under a warranty plan, according to the National Home Warranty Association. Most plans provide coverage for a 12-month time period and cost several hundred dollars. Not all home warranty plans have the same coverage. However, it is important to review the contract with a real estate professional. Some warranty plans require that an appliance inspection be done before the policy is issued, while others offer coverage of pre-existing conditions for an additional fee. Other variables you'll want to include the amount of the deductable, payment caps for any single repair and who will make the repairs (the warranty company's service contractor or one of your own choosing.) If you have questions about home warranties and their impact on selling a home, please contact your Realtor at your convenience.

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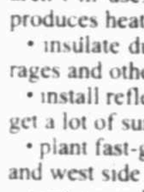

Beckett & Pine

This story was submitted by Norma Pine, ABR, CRS, ASR, Broker/Owner, & Chris Beckett, ABR, CRS, e-Pro, GRI, ASR, Broker/Owner of Pine & Beckett, REALTORS.

Simple Ways to Save on Air Conditioning Costs

Small changes around the house can significantly reduce your air conditioning costs. Make over your home and your electric bill with these money-saving tips:

- keep lamps and other heat producers away from the thermostat. They'll cause your air conditioner to run more than it needs to.
- upgrade to CFL bulbs. They generate significantly less heat than incandescent bulbs.
- turn off lights when not in use. Even CFL bulbs produce some heat.
- minimize the use of your oven. Microwaves, crockpots and toaster ovens are great warm-weather stand-ins.
- Wait until after the sun goes down to run your dishwasher, dryer and other heat-producing appliances.
- line-dry your clothes to avoid using the dryer all together.
- minimize the use of rock, cement and asphalt on the south and west sides of your house.
- plant for shade near your condenser unit. Cooler outdoor air means your HVAC system won't have to work as hard to cool your home.
- keep curtains and blinds closed during the heat of the day.
- use Smart Strips to run off electronics that aren't in use. Anything that draws power also produces heat.
- insulate ductwork in attics, crawlspaces, garages and other unconditioned spaces.
- install reflective window tint on windows that get a lot of sun to minimize heat absorption.
- plant fast-growing shade trees along the south and west side of your house.
- get a yearly maintenance check of your system and change the filter regularly. A well-tuned system will run more efficiently.
- install a programmable thermostat. Then, set it to bump up the temperature when you aren't home.

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Parrish

Article submitted by Cheryl Parrish, CRS, ASR, SRS Legacy Real Estate

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Take the stress out of buying a home

Which emotion surges higher when buying a home — excitement or anxiety? You will probably experience both during the homebuying process. Imagining the possibilities of your new house can bring great joy, while the financial implications of making such a purchase can create worries. Take these steps to reduce the stress, though, and you will be able to focus on the enjoyable aspects of buying a new home.

Get ready

Long before you start walking through properties, you can lay the groundwork for a good homebuying experience. The sooner you start saving for a downpayment the better. Having some money to put toward the purchase gives you more flexibility when it comes time to get a loan. You'll want to check your credit report, too, to see if there are any mistakes or problems you can clear up prior to applying for a mortgage. You can request one free credit report annually from each of the three credit-reporting companies by visiting AnnualCreditReport.com. Speaking of mortgages, learning about various types of loans and assistance programs will give you the knowledge to find the right loan for you – one that you will be able to afford for the life of the loan. You can research whether you qualify for any assistance programs at TxHomePrograms.org. Finally, you'll put yourself in a strong position by getting pre-approved – not just pre-qualified – for a mortgage. And don't necessarily jump at a high loan amount just because someone says they will lend you that much. Take a hard look at your own finances and future plans to make sure you are living within your means.

What do you want?

Do you see yourself in a ranch-style home in the suburbs? A downtown loft apartment? A neighborhood where you can walk your kids to school? Take the time to figure out what features are most important to you. You will also find it helpful to decide if there are some items you desire but might be willing to look past if everything else falls into place. Once you can determine the must-haves, you can quickly make decisions about which properties to view.

Get someone on your side

Buying real estate is much more involved than most other transactions – even high-dollar purchases like automobiles and stocks. It can be a tremendous help to have a professional looking out for your best interests along the way. I'm sure it won't shock you that I recommend hiring a REALTOR®. Your REALTOR® can explain the entire process, help you negotiate, keep the transaction on track, and make sure you have the information you need to make good decisions.

Understand what goes into an offer

There's much more to a good offer than deciding what price you're willing to pay. Before you start searching for homes, talk to your REALTOR® about earnest money, option periods and fees, inspections, contingencies, closing time frames, and other factors that may make your offer more attractive to the seller while protecting your interests.

Don't let up after your offer is accepted

Not every transaction successfully progresses from an accepted offer to a closed deal. However, you give yourself the best chance of getting the keys to your new home if you and your REALTOR® stay on top of the deadlines and tasks to move the process forward.

If you have questions during this period, ask as soon as possible. You want answers long before you get to the closing table. Buying a home should be an exciting time in your life. If you plan well and work with people who are looking out for your best interests, you can minimize the pressures involved and enjoy the process of purchasing a new place to call your own.

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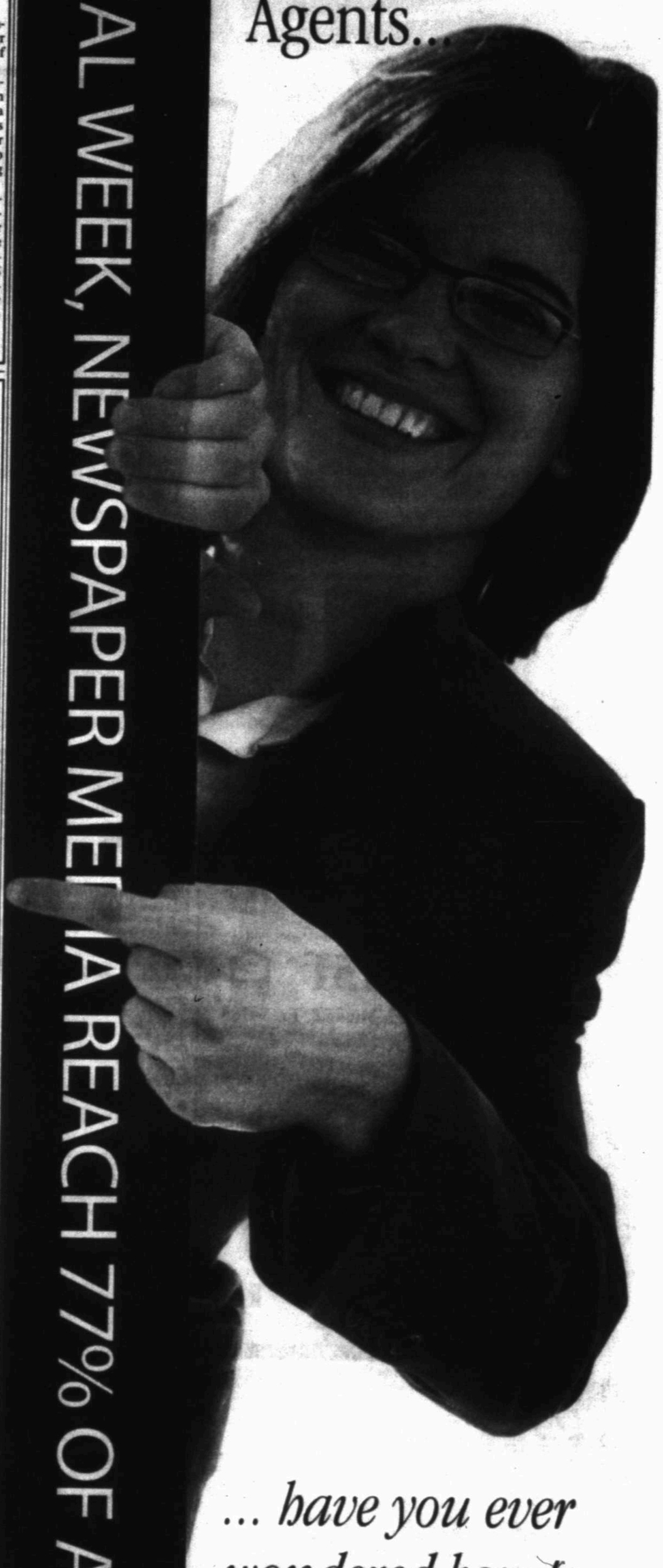

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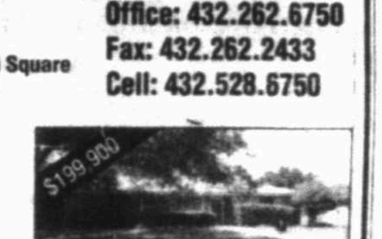

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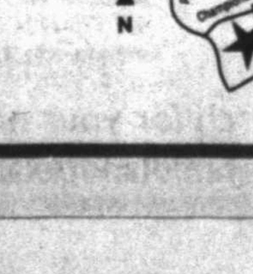

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With a short sale you're asking the lender to accept a loss on the loan, but if the value of the property increased the lender would get nothing extra. Little wonder lenders are not thrilled with short sales.

According to RealtyTrac, an online marketplace of foreclosure properties, Nevada posted the nation's highest state foreclosure rate for the 50th straight month in February. One in every 119 Nevada housing units had a foreclosure filing during the month.

In such circumstances the real question is how to minimize your loss. There are several options to consider.

You might consider offering the property to the tenant with a short sale. Because the local market is so distressed this may actually be attractive to the lender as an alternative to foreclosure and possibly a bigger loss.

If the tenant says No, then start working on a short sale now with the understanding that the tenant's lease must be honored.

Consider what happens if there's no short sale and the tenant does not renew the lease. You'll face even bigger monthly costs.

Would it make any sense for you to occupy the property if the tenant moves out?

Is foreclosure or a short sale even a viable option? Speak with a Nevada attorney for specifics. Also speak with a tax professional. Because this is a rental property, unpaid mortgage debt could be considered "imputed" income, income that may be taxable under federal rules.

It may be that your best option is to extend the tenant's lease. Yes, this will mean losing $500 a month but that may be a better result than you'd get with a short sale or foreclosure. And besides, perhaps prices will rise.

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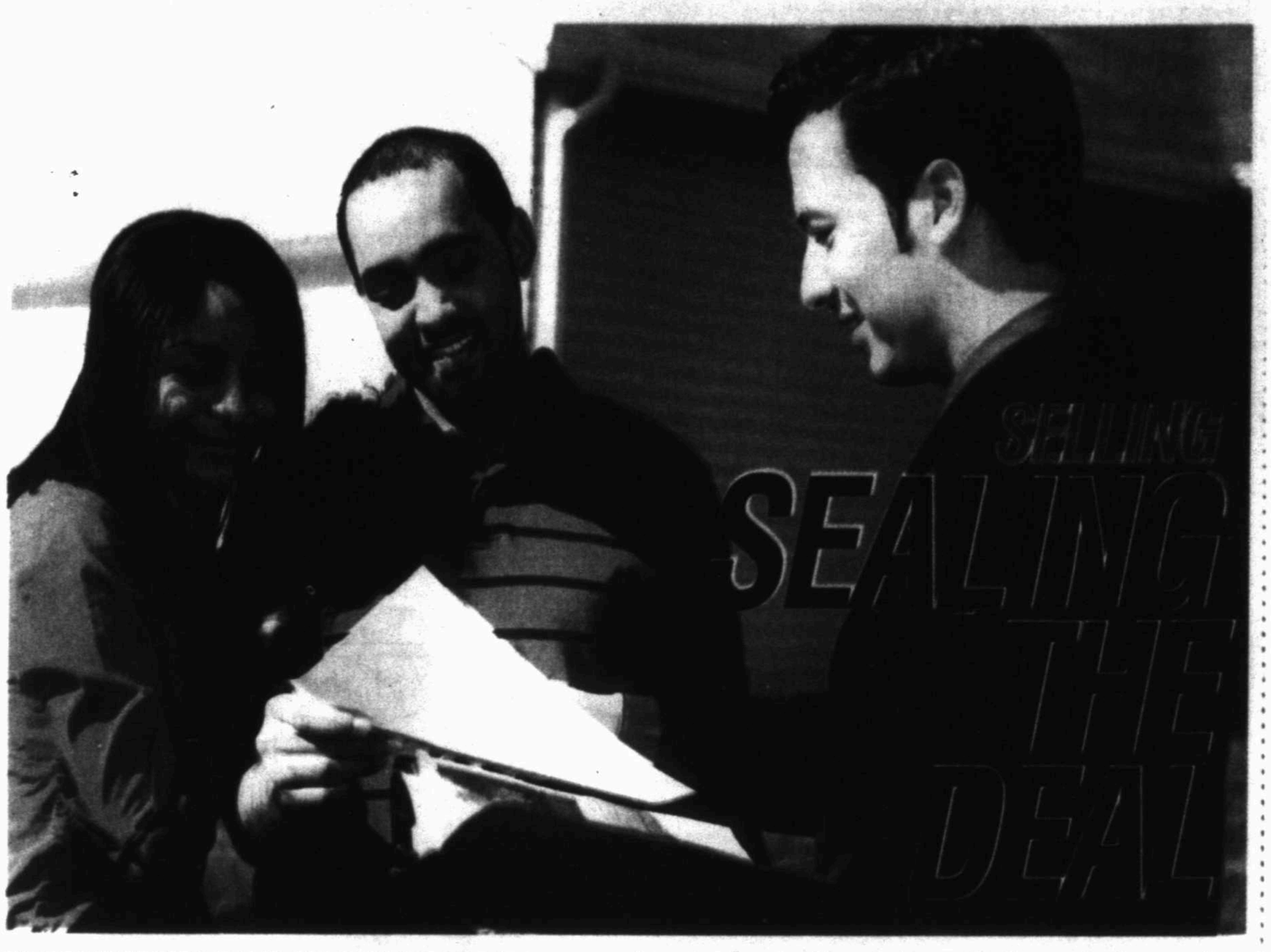

TO GET BUYERS TO THE CLOSING TABLE, SELLERS ARE MAKING MORE CONCESSIONS, FROM CASH TO THE BIG SCREEN, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE TO LOSE LEVERAGE IN THE PROCESS. HERE'S HOW TO KEEP THE LISTING ATTRACTIVE AND NEGOTIATING POWER INTACT

By ERIK MARTIN
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A lower price is always nice, but homebuyers today are increasingly enticed by extras that sellers are more willing to throw in the deal.

Based on the latest Spending and Saving Tracker survey from American Express, to unload their residences in the current market, 44 percent of homeowners said they would be interested in including appliances, and 28 percent would contemplate offering to make requested repairs or permitting an allocation for repairs.

"Sellers are having to make more sacrifices today versus a year ago," says Ruth Miron-Schleider, broker-owner of Miron Properties, Bergen County, N.J. "To help seal the deal, nowadays they often have to throw in more appliances, window treatments, draperies, fixtures and personal property items. That can include a plasma TV, patio furniture, backyard swing set – virtually anything."

In a recent transaction involving a $2 million home in her territory, for example, Miron-Schleider's seller had to concede a prized large mirror, worth thousands of dollars, that the buyer requested.

Common give-ins among sellers continue to be assisting with the buyer's down payment funds and closing costs and being flexible on the closing date.

"I try to get my sellers to throw in things that may appeal to the buyers, yet may not cost them as much," says Bill Golden, an agent with RE/MAX Metro Atlanta Cityside in Atlanta. "Buyers are stretching it to purchase a house now, so they usually can't afford things like closing costs and new appliances."

Closing costs may come off the seller's bottom line but are often tax-deductible. Often, a buyer would prefer paying slightly more in the purchase price if they don't have to scrape up any more out-of-pocket expenses.

If the home is in need of some fixing up, Michael Walden, professor and economist at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, says sellers should give monetary concessions on needed repairs rather than delay the sale until unexpected needed repairs are done.

It's also a smart idea for the seller to have a home inspection completed before putting the home on the market to prevent unexpected hold-ups to a potential sale that can result from a buyer's home inspection.

"Sellers should also research how much home prices have fallen in their area and use this information to set a realistic price that will move the property," Walden says. "This price discount will vary. In more stable markets, it may only be 10 to 15 percent below prices from three years ago; in markets more devastated by the recession, it may need to be as high as 40 percent."

Above all, while it's probably wise to compromise and sweeten the deal for the seller, proper timing and a shrewd strategy are important.

"To give in too much too soon may send the wrong message that the seller is desperate, and can be a bad negotiating tactic," says Miron-Schleider. "No negotiation is successful unless every party walks away feeling like they got something out of it."

While this may be a tough market for sellers to walk away feeling even slightly victorious, Leah Gerstner, vice president of public affairs at American Express, says that there are some signs of optimism. Although two-thirds of those polled in the Amex survey feel that a seller's market is more than a year away, affluent and young professional respondents' confidence in their ability to get their desired asking price in today's market has increased from 40 percent in 2010 to 50 percent in 2011.

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THE ACCESSIBLE DREAM

One bright spot of the housing market: homes have never been more affordable

The American Dream has never been more affordable.

In the first quarter of 2011, national housing affordability hit its highest ever level, according to the NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index, which has tracked home prices for more than 20 years.

The HOI for Q1 2011 showed that nearly 75 percent of all new and existing homes sold during that period were affordable to families earning the national median income of $64,400. The latest Index, which topped Q4 2010's record 73.9 percent, marked the ninth consecutive quarter above 70 percent. Before 2009, the HOI had never reached 70 percent.

In Syracuse, N.Y., the nation's most affordable major housing market during the first quarter of 2011, 94.5 percent of homes sold were affordable to households earning the median income for that area, $64,300. Kokomo, Ind., topped smaller housing markets in terms of affordability. Some 98.6 percent of homes sold during the first quarter there were affordable to households earning the area's median income of $61,400.

The New York City area (New York-White Plains-Wayne, N.Y.) was the nation's least affordable market for the 12th consecutive year, with only around a quarter of homes being affordable to the region's median income of $65, 600. San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles, Calif., was the least affordable of smaller region housing markets, with 47.6 percent of homes being affordable to the median income of $72,500.

Other regions rounding out the most affordable list, after Syracuse: Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, Ohio-Pa.; Indianapolis-Carmel, Ind.; Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills, Mich.; and Toledo, Ohio.

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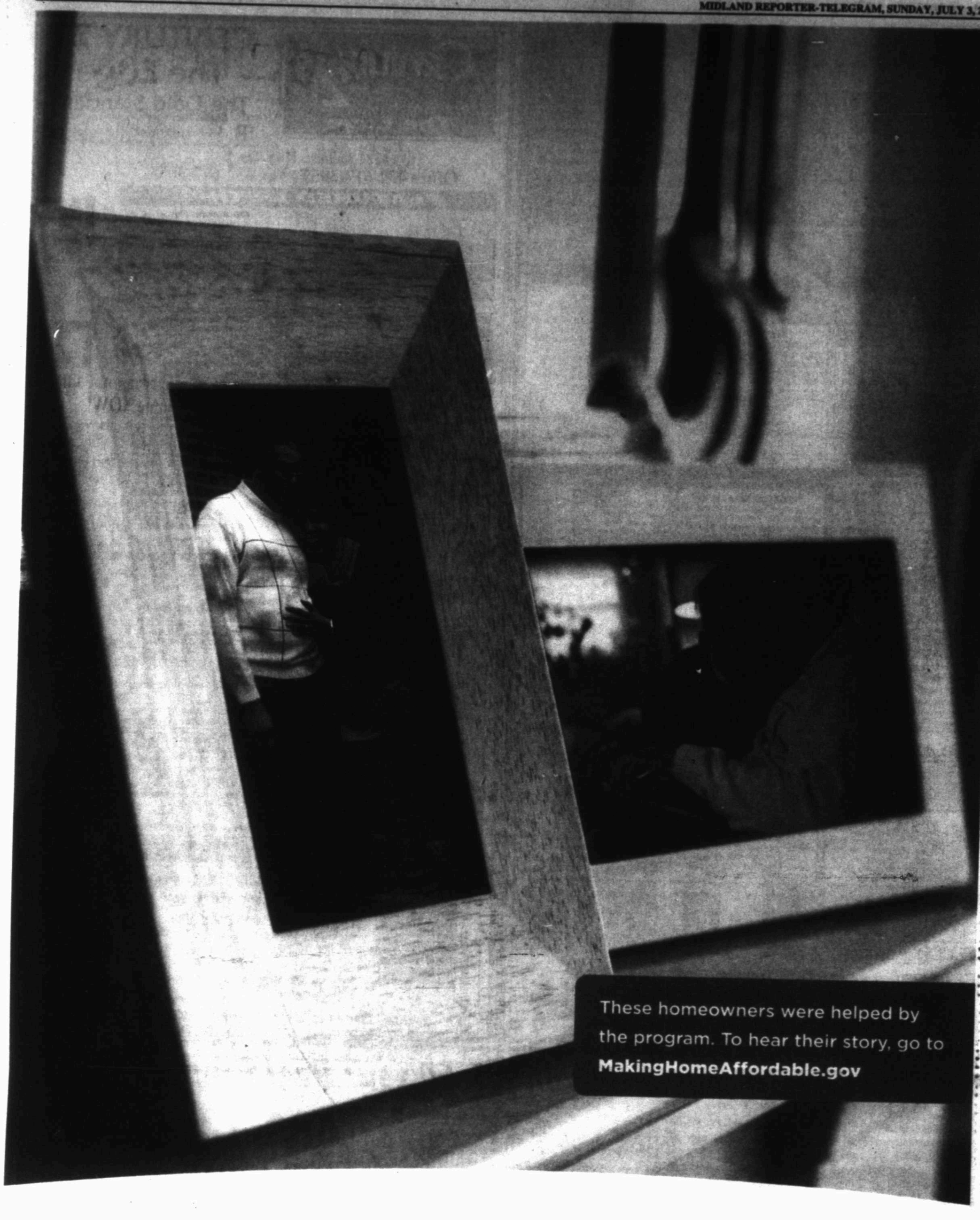

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201 E. 2nd St Stanton, Tx	$190,000	Connie 688-8200
NEW...3004 Hanworthy Place	$179,900	Thomas 688-8200
241 Rose Rd. Crane, Tx	$155,500	Justin 352-0927
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3410 Travis Ave	$70,000	Thomas 688-8200

COMMERCIAL LISTING

REDUCED...8112 Big Spring St.	$1,000,000	Thomas 688-8200
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Working Man Ranch, 200 acres	$185,000	Thomas 688-8200
14383 Lakeside Dr Point Rock, Tx	$144,900	Thomas 688-8200
18621 Isle St	$139,000	Thomas 688-8200
10110 W Wheeler Dr Guadalupe, TX	$80,000	Thomas 688-8200
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3220 APPERSON - $182,500
3BD/2BA, #1364

HOMES AVAILABLE

4 BEDROOM

1916 FRINGEWOOD DR	#2254	UNDER CONTRACT
1802 N. I ST	#2384	$285,000
2405 DARTMOUTH DR	#1994	$254,000
1631 DUKES DR	#1294	UNDER CONTRACT
3003 GODDARD PLACE	#2544	UNDER CONTRACT
1421 AINSLEE ST	#0754	$234,900
4617 BISHOPS CASTLE DR	#2424	UNDER CONTRACT
2300 SINCLAIR AVE		SOLD
4900 KING RICHARDS ROW		UNDER CONTRACT
3608 SHANDON AVE	#1224	UNDER CONTRACT
2905 CALDERA BLVD		SOLD

3 BEDROOM

39 LAFAYETTE PL		SOLD
3206 SOUTHRIDGE CT	#2414	$257,500
3202 ELMA DR		SOLD
3904 WILLINGHAM DR	#1224	UNDER CONTRACT
2607 CALDERA DR		SOLD
3220 APPERSON DR	#1364	$182,500
1004 ALPINE ST	#2394	UNDER CONTRACT
5011 JOY DR	#2044	UNDER CONTRACT
2521 SHELL AVE		UNDER CONTRACT
3201 REO DR		SOLD
4301 THORNBERRY		SOLD
4511 CIMMARON		SOLD
3228 FANNIN		SOLD
4314 COUNTRY CLUB DR		SOLD
109 MCDONALD ST	#2844	$139,900
4405 LEDDY DR	#0364	$132,900
204 DRWBERRY DR	#2064	$124,900
4119 PRINCETON AVE	#1534	$121,000
705 AINSLEE ST	#1544	$107,500
3308 ROOSEVELT AVE	#1844	UNDER CONTRACT

3 BEDROOM

1106 E. NEW YORK	#2104	$94,900
5003 E. CO. RD. 71		SOLD
6004 E. CO. RD. 85	#4294	$86,500
904 N. ST. PETER, STANTON, TX	#1054	UNDER CONTRACT
600 LIDDON #52	#2364	$52,000
2519 NOEL AVE	#4094	UNDER CONTRACT

1 & 2 BEDROOM

2100 FREEPORT LN		SOLD
4302 AMISTAD DR		SOLD
303 W. ESTES AVE	#2534	$79,900
4700 BOULDER UNIT #206	#1264	$55,000
4700 BOULDER UNIT		SOLD
4700 BOULDER UNIT #1108	#4024	$42,900
4700 BOULDER UNIT #304	#2024	$29,900
4700 BOULDER UNIT #605	#1824	$65,000
4700 BOULDER UNIT #506	#1514	$43,900

LAND & LOTS

64TH ST W	#2944	$135,000
1203 E. CUTHBERT AVE	#4014	$10,000
1205 E. CUTHBERT AVE	#4104	$10,000

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LAKE BROWNWOOD	#4264	$659,900

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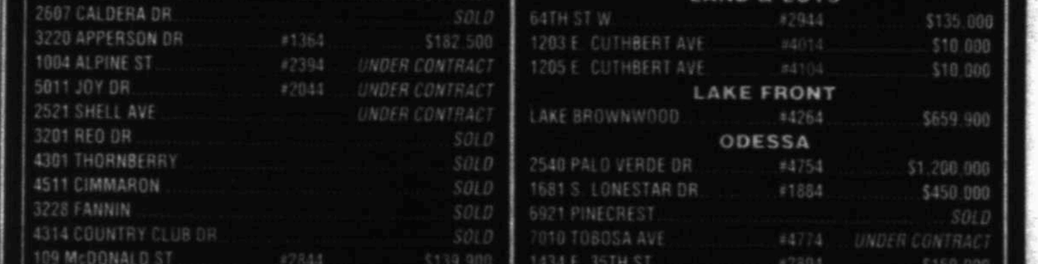
2540 PALO VERDE DR	#4754	$1,200,000
1681 S. LONESTAR DR	#1884	$450,000
6921 PINECREST		SOLD
7010 TOBOSA AVE	#4774	UNDER CONTRACT
1434 E. 35TH ST	#2804	$150,000
6801 RAINBOW DR		SOLD
1801 E 46TH ST	#4714	UNDER CONTRACT
15356 HOLLYHOCK AVE		UNDER CONTRACT

COMMERCIAL

603 FITCH AVE - ODESSA, TX	#4204	$18,000



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6206 Oriole Dr. -Wonderful stunning 1-owner custom home in Green Tree Country Club! 4 or 5 bed/4 full baths and 2 half baths/gourmet formal living or media room; study & unbelievable walk-in wine room! Dazzling pool with a gorgeous covered patio overlooking a wonderfully landscaped yard! Beautiful hand-scraped hardwood floors & fantastic faux finishes! $875,000

2900 Rosedale - Adorable Spectacular 5 bed/3 bath(1 living)/ dining + study! Soaring ceilings, crown moulding, walls of windows, plantation shutters, incredible built-in bookcase, cozy brick fireplace, 3 miles of tile! Gourmet kitchen w/granite counters & stainless appliances! Sep master suite w/study, walk-thru closet, sep shower & jetted tub! Post-sized yard w/lush landscaping! $499,500

6001 Prairie Ridge-NEW- Incredible 4 bed/3 bath/ 2 living area with miles of tile, soaring ceilings, granite, and marble face fireplace in Grassland's West! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances, abundant cabinets, corner pantry, & breakfast bar! Spacious sep master suite w/exquisite shower & jetted tub, dual sinks & walk-in closet! Lush landscaping & 3 car garage! $349,900

4505 Rustic Trail-Sweeping golf course views from this 1-owner custom home has 3 bedrooms/2.5 baths! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, plantation shutters, stacked crown moulding, miles of Italian look tile throughout! Oversized sep, master suite w/ jetted tub, walk-in shower & 2 walk-in closets! Entire house is handicap accessible! $394,900

6221 Prairie Ridge- Spectacular 4 bed/3 bath home in Grassland Estates West! Soaring ceilings, crown moulding, walls of windows, miles of gorgeous tile & granite throughout! Fabulous gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances & breakfast bar! Huge covered patio/wired deck, lush landscaping & 3 car garage! $319,900

6221 Prairie Ridge-Absolutely fabulous 4 bed/3 bath home in Grassland Estates West! Soaring ceilings, crown moulding, walls of windows, plantation shutters, cozy fireplace & gleaming hardwood floors! Gourmet kitchen w/large corner pantry, island and abundant cabinets, granite countertops! Fabulous covered patio, large yard, lush landscaping! Patio access from the fantastic master suite! $294,900

5408 La Jolla - Spectacular low maintenance 3 bed/2.5 bath/2 living area home on a quiet cul-de-sac in Las Palmas! Soaring, stacked ceilings, walls of windows, plantation shutters, & crown moulding! Incredible gourmet kitchen w/ granite countertops, stainless appliances, and beautifully finished cabinets! Sep, master suite w/ double sinks, jetted tub, & 2 walk-in closets! $299,900

4101 Cambridge-NEW-Wonderful 4 bed/3.5 bath home with huge rooms, soaring ceilings, walls of window, & towering brick fireplace! Recent updates include granite in the guest bathrooms, crown moulding, tile and sink features! Spacious sep, master with double sinks, walk-in closet and separate shower and tub! Covered patio with spacious backyard and storage building! $249,900

4000 Dunbar - Lovely 4 bed/3 bath home located in the quiet location of Skyline Terrace! Walk-in closets, tons of storage space, miles of tile, incredible built-in bookcases, spacious backyard & covered patio are only some of the fabulous features this home has to offer! Living area has beautiful beamed ceilings, patio access, & a brick, wood-burning fireplace! $210,000

2107 Roosevelt - Wonderful 3 bed/2 bath/2 garage on corner lot! Kitchen has been completely remodeled in 2008 w/Base Cabinets, Island, Quartz counter tops, stone backsplash & display cabinets w/glazing. Formal living w/hardwood floors, den w/newly brick fireplace (gas logs) & beamed ceiling. Master bedroom has 2 walk-in closets, newly replaced tile, roof '10, water heater '11. Covered patio & WIRED shop w/elec. $169,900

2011 Frontier - Great 4 bed/2 bath home in the Trends area! 1 block from the school! Gleaming hardwood floors, soaring ceilings, & custom lighting! Spacious guest bedrooms w/ bright windows! Incredible gourmet kitchen w/ fabulous updates including stainless steel appliances, beautiful cabinets, and amazing counter space! Huge backyard w/ spacious patio! $179,900

NEW & REDUCED

102 McDonald St. -Darling 3 bed/2 bath new construction home! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, cozy fireplace & miles of tile! Gourmet kitchen w/abundant cabinets, granite countertops & large corner pantry! Spacious master suite w/dual closets, separate shower & tub! Large yard, lush landscaping & 2 car garage! ..... **Reduced** $179,900

1407 Lenlaw -NEW- Darling 3 bed/2 bath home with a working water well in a huge backyard! Miles of tile, walls of windows, & many updates since 2004! Ceiling fans in every bedroom, and lots of storage! Wonderfully landscaped yards, and storage building in the back! Spacious sunroom with fabulous tile! $149,900

4+ BEDROOMS

7401 Briarwood-Large country estate on 14.15 Acres! Fabulous landscaped grounds w/mature trees. 8 Bed/5.5 Bath living/sunroom overlooks pool/tan tail. *Tennis courts & circle drive. (1BD/1BA basement) 2 guest apartments: 2 Bed/1ba ea.) 2 Garage. 4 car carport* bwg & golf cart gar. Workshop, ny gar. 4 Drive-in-horse stalls $1,200,000

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6105 Homestead-Absolutely Spectacular 5 bed/4.5 bath home in Grassland Estates West! Soaring ceilings, crown mouldings, jetted doorways, incredible built-ins, cozy fireplace, plantation shutters & miles of tile! ..... **SOLD** $629,900

2309 Dunbrook Dr. -Absolutely Spectacular 5 bed/3.5 bath/2 living/2 dining + study! Soaring ceilings, plantation shutters, cozy brick fireplace, & miles of tile! Gourmet kitchen w/granite counters & stainless appliances! Sep master suite w/study, walk-thru closet, sep shower & jetted tub! Post-sized yard w/lush landscaping! $499,900

6001 Prairie Ridge-Absolutely spectacular 4 bed/3 bath/2 living/2 dining home by Almand Construction! Soaring ceilings, stacked crown moulding, walls of windows, plantation shutters throughout, gorgeous granite countertops throughout, miles of Italian tile & gleaming hardwood floors! $499,900

4705 Green Tree Blvd. - Spectacular 4 bd/5 bths/3 car garage home w/sweeping golf course views from both levels! Towering brick fireplaces in both living areas &-m fabulous master suite! ..... **UIC In 4 Days** $395,000

4905 Oakwood-4 bed/3 bath/2la/2dining/3garage beautifully landscaped and located in a cul-de-sac on the course at green tree! Walls of windows, in-law plan, kitchen open to the living area with a spectacular view of the green! ..... **UIC In 1 Day** $360,000

5305 Shoalhaven-5 bedroom, 3 bathroom/ 2 living areas, 2 dining rooms, and 2 car garage new construction home in greathouse! Walls of windows, miles of tile, spacious den with stone fireplace. Gourmet kitchen with granite, island, ss appliances, double ovens, gas cooktop, stone backsplash, and custom cabinets with built-in spice rack. Master suite with jetted tub, double vanities, and walk-around closet! $360,000

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5312 Mathis-New construction in greathouse! 4 Bed/3 ba/2 liv/2 dining/3 car gar. Beautiful double entry opens to living w/crown molding & wall of windows. Tile everywhere (except beds & den) gourmet kit w/granite, island, ss appliances, 2 ovens, gas cooktop, stone backsplash & custom cabinets w/built-in spice rack. Spacious den w/stone fireplace. Master suite w/jetted tub, double vanities & walk-around closet! $349,900

4501 Cherrywood - Lovely 4 Bed/ 3Bath/2Liv/ 2Din in Briarwood! Gourmet kitchen w/wood, pors, gas cooktop, 2 ovens, mod SS, pb, cabinet & desk area. Study w/built-in desk & vaulted floors. Formal liv/rg & din w/shutters & crown molding. Den w/brick FP & bookshelves. 2 AC, 2 Wtr. roof '08, spacious master w/soaking tub, Sep. shower & wrap around closet. So much storage! Covered patio & large backyard! $330,000

1402 Princeton - Lovely 4 Bed/3 bath home w/dazzling pool. Hot tub & guest house/cabana & fireplace! Built-in bookcases & gleaming hardwood floors! ..... **UIC** $325,000

1003 Windmill - Lovely 5 bedroom/3 bath/2 living area/2 dining area home on a quiet tree-lined street in Grassland Estates! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, stone backsplash, hand-glazed cabinets, large breakfast bar! ..... **UIC** $324,900

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5309 Oak Valley Dr. -Fabulous 4 bed/3.5 bath home in Gatehouse! Soaring ceilings, crown moulding, walls of windows, plantation shutters, cozy fireplace, arched doorways & miles of tile! Gourmet kitchen w/granite countertops, island, large pantry & breakfast bar! Wonderful sunroom! Lush landscaping! $310,000

6001 Prairie Ridge-Absolutely fabulous 4 bed/3 bath home in Grassland Estates West! Soaring ceilings, crown moulding, walls of windows, plantation shutters, cozy fireplace & gleaming hardwood floors! Gourmet kitchen w/large corner pantry, island and abundant cabinets, granite countertops! Fabulous covered patio, large yard, lush landscaping! $294,900

10309 W County Rd 70 -Peaceful retreat on almost 2 acres & 30+ ft. Front pond! 4 Bed/2 ba/2 liv/2 gar. Large granite remodeled concrete floors, brick fp, custom speakers & media closet. Living & bedrms have hardwood floors. ..... **UIC** $299,900

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2411 Ready Ave - Lovely & spacious 4 bed/2.5 bath/2 living area home in Fannin area! Very recent interior & exterior paint, with 13 newly replaced interior doors! Recent kitchen appliances, gas cooktop, updated baths! ..... **UIC In 7 Days** $194,900

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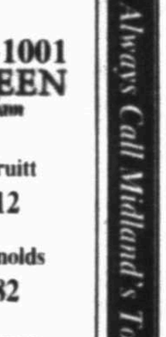

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4715 Timber Lane- Darling low maintenance 1-owner custom home has 2 spacious bedrooms,2 baths, & study/hobby room! Lovely side patio, oversized attached 2 car garage w/18 ft door! ..... **UIC** $174,900

6202 Ojibwa-Darling 3 bed/2.5 bath home w/detached 2 car garage with loft above! Beamed ceilings, cozy brick fireplace, custom lighting, walls of windows & miles of tile! Spacious kitchen w/abundant cabinets & pantry! ..... **UIC** $169,900

2903 Goddard Dr. -Absolutely darling 3 bed/2 bath home on a quiet tree-lined street! Crown moulding, walls of windows, plantation shutters, miles of Italian look tile! ..... **SOLD IN 1 Week** $169,900

2705 Whittle Way-Wonderful 3 bed/2 bath/2 garage in wyldwood! Spacious living w/soaring ceilings, brick fireplace, faux paint & plantation shutters. Updated kitchen w/countertops, ceramic tile, stone back splash! ..... **UIC In 3 Days** $166,500

4206 Felcon-Adorable home located in northgate on a cul-de-sac! Granite countertops in bathrooms with undermount sinks and updated fixtures. Beamed ceilings in a dining room ..... **UIC In 1 Day** $162,500

4305 Harvard-Lovely one owner home in quiet neighborhood. Three bedrooms/two baths/2 garage. Three living areas! Formal living, den w/stone fireplace w/gas logs & built-ins, gameroom w/walls of windows. ..... **UIC** $150,000

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105 E 21st St., Crane, TX-Spacious 3 bedroom 2bath home on a .37 Acre lot! 24 X 44 shop, detached gameroom w/ bath (546 square ft). Gazebo, enclosed patio, and a 5 car carport! Needs a little tlc, lot's of potential! ..... **UIC** $119,000

2906 Rankin-Cute, cute 2 bedroom (could be 3 bedrooms - 2 baths, 2 living w/formal dining. Lovely hardwood laminate floors, kitchen updated w/recent appliances cabinets & counter tops. ..... **UIC** $98,500

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Midland's Top Agent 13 Consecutive Years
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Victoria- $273,797,432 (1,495 closings)
#2 Agent- $128,347,916 (739 closings)

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5709 E. Co. Rd. 97 - $419,000
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1418 E. Co. Rd. 140 - $317,900
$20,000 Under Appraised Value!
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4625 Leddy - $135,000
4BR, 2BA, 2,000± Sq. Ft.
Great Value! Move Prices!

NEW LISTING
PENDING!
5300 Rio Grande - $132,500
Under Contract in 1 Day!
3BR, 2BA in Northgate!

NEW LISTING!
3109 Barkley - $112,500
3BR, 2BA, HOT NEW PRICE!
MOVE IN READY! Updated Bath!

NEW LISTING
3410 Bent Ln.
Secluded Estate on 4 Acres! 5 BR + Study, M.B. Lavy, State of the Art Kitchen, 5 Car Garage, Outside Kitchen, Pool Call for more details!

4+ BEDROOMS

Bluebird Ln - 5 Bedroom + Study, 4.5 Bath, M.B. Lary One of Kind Design! Outdoor Kitchen, Swimming Pool & Workshop on 4 Acres of Fenced and Improved Property! 5,000+ sqft, 5 Car Garage, Christmas Storage Closet & So Much More!!! Call Norma for more details ..... Please Call!
2913 Gladewood - 4 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath, 4 Car Garage. Million Dollar Designer has Customized this home! Faux treatments throughout, hand scraped hardwood flooring. An Oasis in backyard with Spa, Pool, wrapped with & hot tub. Too much to mention. Please Call for more info! OPEN TODAY!!! ..... New Price! $689,900
2905 Frogwood - 5 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 3,700+ sqft. Custom McPherson / Owner Home! 2 In-Law Suites. Miles of granite. Partly patio w/fireplace & in-ground granite hot tub!!! 4 Car Garage + extra parking pad ..... Sold! $535,000
4010 E. Co. Rd. 91-A - 4 Bedroom, 4 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Dining + Study, 3 Car Garage. Absolutely Stunning Triple M New Construction!! Custom features. Italian arches, stainless, granite & so much more! 3,774 sqft on 2.3 Acres in Bonita Estates ..... Sold! $474,900
6306 Prairie Ridge - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath. Brand New McPherson Beauty! Builder has Sold out but is pre-selling in New Phase Grassland. Please Call! ..... Sale Pending! $474,689
6002 Queens Ct - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 4 Car Garage. Double Wrough Iron 10 Doors, 11 Ceilings, Hand Faux Finished Walls, Self Contained Villa Feeling! 4,000+ sqft, Green roof terrace ..... Sold! $424,900
5709 E. Co. Rd. 97 - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Acres in Greenwood! So Many Wonderful Upgrades!! Workshop & Carport equipped to park RV. In-ground Pool! ..... New Listing! $419,900
6325 Prairie Ridge - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath. Brand New McPherson Construction! Builder has Sold out but is pre-selling in New Phase Grassland. Please Call! ..... Sale Pending! $389,950
2905 Chelsea Pl - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath. Gorgeous New Semur Construction! Fully Loaded! Iron Front Door, Rock Fireplace, & Much More! ..... New Listing! $382,500
3109 Patricia Pl - 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath. 3 Car Garage. Gorgeous New AGA Construction! Fully LOADED w/granite, stainless, arches! Fully landscaped! ..... New Listing! $376,000
2810 Caldera - 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 3 Car Garage. Gorgeous New AGA Home! 10' Ceilings, Italian Arches, Granite & Much More! ..... New Listing! $254,900
1415 E. Co. Rd. 145 - 4 Bedroom, 4 Bath, 2 Car Garage, 3 Carport. Wood Deck, Workshop, 3.7 Acres! $20,000 Under Appraised Value!!! OPEN TODAY!!! ..... New Price! $217,900
2810 West Dr - 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath. 2600+ sqft. Immaculate Home with so many updates! In-ground swimming pool & hot tub! ..... New Price! $225,750
1008 Washita - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Brand NEW Construction in 349 Ranch Estates! ..... Sale Pending! $189,250
3621 Sinclair - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. RARE OPPORTUNITY! Totally-Renovated from Top to Bottom! Loaded w/brand new kitchen, granite countertops, tumbled marble backsplash, new tile floors, new granite in bathrooms. Oversized Lot! ..... ★★★★Under Contract in Less Than 1 Week! $176,000
3518 Imperial - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Many Recent Updates! HUGE Game Room! New Roof! 2,100+ sqft! Under $70/sqft! ..... Offers Please! $149,000
4525 Leddy - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Story Home! 2,000 sqft. Great Value! Approximately $65.95 sqft!! ..... New Price! $125,900
2005 Michigan - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. 2,898sqft "needs a project!" A Lot of House for the Money! ..... ★★★★Under Contract in 1 Day! $86,900

3 BEDROOMS

6801 Sunman Ct - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath + Study w/French Doors. Resinck Resale! Do Yeah! IT'S HOT! Stunning Quality! Inground Pool! ..... Sold! $514,900
4221 Timbergate - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Coveted Mclean plan! Heights! Stone accents, stone fireplace, slate backsplash, Stainless Kitchen Aid appliances. Frig stays, w/home. Expect to be ..... New Listing! $486,000
1313 E Co. Rd. 128 - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Approx 2.5 Acres! Level Corridale, in Ridgeheight! Annex! 2 Workshops, 60x60 Shop is heated & Cooled! Extensive updates, new low e windows, ... New Listing! $385,000
1601 S. Co. Rd. 1260 - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Car Garage on 2 Workshops on 3+ Acres. 700+ Resale Better Than New! ..... Sold! $315,000
7205 Harvard - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath. Classic Updating & Location! 3rd Midland HOME in-ground Pool! ..... New Listing! $279,900
11 Winchester Ct - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Stately Updated Beautiful Low Maintenance Home. Recent roof & fresh paint, walls of windows, very open floor plan! ..... New Listing! $275,000
5208 Rio Grande - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Huge Car Garage! Open Floor Plan! 4402 Kitchen Cab & Laminate Flooring! Bent Deal in Town! ..... ★★★★Under Contract in 1 Day!! $132,500
121 S. Dewberry - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Updated Throughout! Fresh MAY Kitchen & Baths, updated with Designer Tile! All Appliances Pass ..... ★★★★Under Contract in 48 Hours! $126,500
3106 Barkley - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Huge Living Area! Updated Kitchen, w/Corian, updated baths ..... New Price! $112,500
4601 Crockett - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Cozy Home! Fenced Yard! ..... New Price! $110,000
1015 W Normany - 3 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath. Nice & Clean! Brick Home! ..... New Price! $115,000
4012 Storey - 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath. Large Living Area & Quaint Cottage Sec. Master, Recent Updated Kitchen & Bath! ..... New Price! $106,900
3715 Monty - 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath. Carport Garage Shed and Newer Siding and Mechanicals ..... Sold! $81,500
5308 E Loop 250 N - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Great Potential! 2.5 Acres! Call Chris for Additional Info! Loop Frontage Property ..... New Listing! $79,500

FOR LEASE

117 S Glenwood - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1,450sqft. Pets Allowed, $1,750/mth. Lease Call Chris for more Details! ..... For Lease! $1,750
1709 E Walnut - 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 1,000sqft. Pets Allowed, 12 Month Lease. Call Chris for more details! ..... For Lease! $500

COMMERCIAL/LOTS

106 E. Cemetery Rd - Fort Davis / RV Repairs & Repair. 4,200 sq. ft. Call Chris for Details! Opportunity Knocks! ..... New Price! $650,000
E. Hwy 80 - Great 4.1 High Traffic Location Will accommodate car storage yard, etc. WILL OWNER CARRY OR LEASE ..... Sold! $45,000
1106 Cowden - Residential or Commercial Lot. 1.80 Acres ..... Lot! $9,000

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565 E. 5th St - Unit 801 - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 1,000sqft. Pets Allowed, Call 512-796-4340 ..... ★★★★Sale Pending in 48 Hours! $305,000
2060 Westlavian Trail #3 - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath. Approx 2.5 Acres! Level Corridale, in Ridgeheight! Annex! 2 Workshops, 60x60 Shop is heated & Cooled! Extensive updates, new low e windows, ... Sold! $274,900
299 Limestone Trail - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1,450sqft. Pets Allowed, Call 512-796-4340 ..... Sold! $214,900
1505 Amberwood Loop - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1,450sqft. Pets Allowed, Call 512-796-4340 FOR SALE OR LEASE ..... New Price! $169,900
115 Spruce Dr - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1,450sqft. Pets Allowed, Call 512-796-4340 ..... New Price! $178,500
1750 E Loop 184 - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1,450sqft. Pets Allowed, Call 512-796-4340 ..... New Price! $144,500
6705 Panda Royal - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1,450sqft. Pets Allowed, Call 512-796-4340 ..... New Price! $119,900
404 Emerald Way - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1,450sqft. Pets Allowed, Call 512-796-4340 ..... $45,000

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5005 Mesquite- Amazing little one home! 4BR, 2.5BA $418,900
3505 W. Co. Rd. 145-3+3, updated on 4.8 Acres $360,000
3104 Stonefield - beautiful 4 BR Mia Mar $319,900
7600 E C-Rd 110-Wow SBR, 4 1/2BA, 2.39 Acres REDUCED..$299,900
2510 W. Front-Commercial/Industrial $260,000
2600 Whitney-Wow huge reduction awesome pool & outdoor kitchen $259,900
2519 Neely-Must see, 4/3/2, 2 CR GR $219,500
2110 School Dr.-5/3, Kermit, TX $200,000
12308 Co. Rd. 56-3/2, 2.5 Acres $197,000
3901 S. Co. Rd. 1140 ..... U/C..$175,500
3320 Baumann-Loads of updates versatile floor plane $154,900
9021 Lamar Ave.-3/2, Odessa, TX $125,000
3104 Ohio-3/2, 1 CR GR ..... REDUCED..$109,000
2200 S C-Rd 1128-4/3, 2+ Acres ..... FOR LEASE..$3,250

2 BEDROOMS

2200 W H St.-2/2 ..... SOLD..$199,900

3 BEDROOMS

3505 W. Co. Rd. 145-Huge rooms, pool, barn, 4.8 Acres $360,000
203 ECR 130-3/2/2, pool, barn, 6 AC, Ridge Hts $258,000
1508 Bedford-3/3.5 ..... $249,000
6900 S County Rd 1270-3/2 ..... $229,900
3109 Haynes Ave-3/3/2 CR GR, low maint. & sunroom $224,900
4004 Angelina-Updated plus workshop $215,000
16 Bristol 3/2/2LV 2 CR GR, A+ curb appeal ..... U/C..$200,000
1812 Range-3/2, like brand new, low maint ..... SOLD..$207,500
12308 WCR 56-3/2/2, 2 liv., stable, 2.5 AC, 3 CP ..... U/C..$197,000
2905 Douglas Dr-3/2/2 ..... U/C..$189,900
3901 S. Co. Rd. 1140 ..... U/C..$175,500
3320 Baumann- tons of updates versatile floorplan 2 living, 3bd or 4 bd 1 living ..... REDUCED..$154,900
2609 B Haynes-Stunning low maint $152,900
9021 Lamar Ave.-3/2, Odessa, TX $125,000
1611 Pueblo-3/2/2, 2 shops ..... SOLD..$119,900
3104 Ohio-3/2/1 CR GR + sunroom ..... REDUCED..$109,000
1611 E Golf Course-3/2 ..... REDUCED..$108,500

4+ BEDROOMS

12206 E C-Rd 101-5/4/3, GISD, shop, pool ..... SOLD..$589,900
5005 Mesquite- Amazing Home Highly desired neighborhood 4 BR, 2.5 BA $418,900
4212 Timbergate-4/3.5 ..... $475,000
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12200 E C-Rd 1024/3/2, GISD, 4AC, Pool ..... SOLD..$394,900
3804 Wedgewood-4BR, 3 1/2BA, 2 LV, 4CR GR ..... SOLD..$349,900
3104 Stonelind- Lush mature landscaping, huge rooms, hardwood floors $319,900
2104 Bradford Court-4/2 ..... SOLD..$319,000
309 Skywood ..... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $324,500
9901 Llano Ct ..... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
4903 Granite Ln ..... Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
5306 Castle Pine ..... Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
6013 Clarewood Dr ..... Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... Under Contract
5317 Greathouse ..... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/ Study/ 3 Car Garage ..... Under Contract
5315 Greathouse ..... A&E Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/Study/3 Car Garage ..... Under Contract
5313 Greathouse ..... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/Study/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
4903 Crista Ln ..... Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $358,500
5309 Mathis St ..... Dominion Exclusive Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba ..... SOLD
5304 Hilltop Dr ..... Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $369,900
4308 Wood Dr ..... Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage, Under Contract!
6406 Los Conchos ..... Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
6500 Los Conchos ..... Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage $695,000
4313 Wood Dr ..... Crystal Homes/3 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... Under Contract
4317 Wood Dr ..... Crystal Homes/3 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... Under Contract

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4+ BEDROOMS

1400 Tope-4/3, country at it's best ..... U/C..$269,900
7600 E C-Rd 110-Wow SBR, 4 1/2BA, 2.39 Acres $299,900
4013 Tamarron/ 10-403 ..... SOLD..$237,000
2600 Whitney-4/3, see to believe/pool $259,900
6600 FM 307-4/2.5/2, 4AC, barn, GISD ..... U/C..$259,900
2910 Northwood-4/3.1/2 bath, w/pool ..... SOLD..$258,000
2519 Neely-Must see, 4/3/2, 2 CR GR $219,500
13 Metz Court-4/2.5/3, 3 liv., 3,300 sq. ft ..... U/C..$210,000
12303 E County Rd 111-GISD, 4/2/2, New constr, 1AC ..... U/C..$209,900
12305 E County Rd 111-GISD, New constr, 4/2/2, 1AC $209,900
2110 School Dr.-5/3, 1 Acre, Kermit, TX $200,000
3320 Baumann- tons of updates versatile floorplan 2 living, 3bd or 4 bd 1 living ..... REDUCED..$154,900

5+ BEDROOMS

7600 E. Co. 119-5 BR, 4½ Bath, Office, Barn 2.39 acres $314,000

COUNTRY HOMES

4801 N C-Rd 1147-Spectacular home on 37+ acres $675,000
12206 E C-Rd 101-GISD, 5/4/3, pool, shop ..... SOLD..$589,900
12200 E C-Rd 102-GISD, 4/3/2, Pool, 4AC ..... SOLD..$394,900
6900 S. Co. Rd. 145-3/3, pool, barn, stalls, 4.8 Acres $360,000
1400 Tope-4/3 ..... U/C..$299,900
7600 E C-Rd 110-Wow SBR, 4 1/2BA, 2.39 Acres REDUCED..$299,900
6606 FM 307-GISD, 4/2/2, barn, 4AC ..... U/C..$258,000
203 E. C-Rd 130-3/2/2, pool, barn, 6AC, Ridge Hts $258,000
6900 S. C-Rd 1270-3/2, watered, 6.061 Acres $229,900
12303 E County Rd 111-GISD, 4/2/2, New constr, 1AC ..... U/C..$209,900
12305 E County Rd 111-GISD, New constr, 4/2/2, 1AC $209,900
12008 W. C-Rd 56-3/2/2, 2 liv, stable, 2.5AC, 3CP ..... U/C..$197,000
2200 S C-Rd 1128-4/3, 2+ Acres ..... FOR LEASE..$3,250

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2505 Mockingbird -5.5 Acres Approx $550,000
5506 Whitman Dr.-5.5 Acres Approx $385,000
2304 N C-Rd 1040-80 Acres Approx $200,000
3109 Alpharetta Ln -1.2 Acres Approx $92,500
Cynthia-11.44 Acres $90,000
3803-5 SCR 1140-9.7 Acres Approx $58,500

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2900 Front ..... U/C..$415,000
4216 Mamies Circle-Lot, 0.97 Acres Approx $359,000
4301 Mamie Circle-Lot, 0.92 Acres Approx $340,000
4208 Mamies Circle-Lot, 0.78 Acres Approx $289,000
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RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

1501 Thistle Rd ..... 1 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Car Garage/Odessa $80,000
604 W. Estes Ave ..... 3 Bdrm/1 Ba ..... SOLD
4505 Anetta Dr ..... 3 Bdrm/1 Full Ba/1 Half Ba $114,900
1404 Texas Ave ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Dining Areas $169,900
10901 E. Co. Rd. 108 ..... Greenwood/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage $199,900
6005 Sunrise Ct ..... 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
8 Bristol Ct ..... 3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
4500 Waurika ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ..... Under Contract
2805 Savoy Pl ..... 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
5109 Mathis St ..... REDUCED-4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $299,900
5707 Los Patios ..... 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/ 2 Car Garage $309,900
2205 S. Co. Rd. 1126 ..... Greenwood/3 Acres/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $425,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

408 E. Pecan - Midland Gallery Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage ..... SOLD
1210 E. Nobles ..... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage ..... SOLD
1208 E. Nobles ..... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage $124,800
9007 Opal Ct ..... Morse Properties/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
5001 Gateway Ct ..... Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ..... SOLD
5712 Carmel Ct ..... Texas Classic Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
5310 Wimberley Spring ..... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... Under Contract
4710 Tearwood ..... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... Under Contract
4708 Tearwood ..... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... Under Contract
3105 Patrick Pl ..... Monson Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
5007 Coquina ..... Ashington Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD
3109 Chelsea Pl ..... Veatch Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage $225,500
4801 Tearwood ..... Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage $271,500
6600 Los Patios ..... Veatch Construction/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $274,900
3112 Patrick ..... Veatch Construction/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage $274,900
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5314 Mathis St ..... Branson Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage $309,000
307 Skywood ..... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage $311,000
14019 N. Chinaberry ..... Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/0.814 Acres $112,000
14057 N. Shoreline ..... Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/4.46 Acres $132,000
10901 E. Co. Rd. 108 ..... Greenwood/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage $199,900
3009 S. Co. Rd. 1107 ..... 4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage/2.41 Acres $220,000
7415 N. Co. Rd. 1297 ..... 3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage $235,000
2205 S. Co. Rd. 1126, Greenwood/3 Acres/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $425,000
12304 Goldenrod Dr ..... Gardendale/30 Acres/Horse Farm $950,000

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3905 Tumbleweed Trail ..... 2.9 Acres/Horse Barn $125,000
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COMMERCIAL

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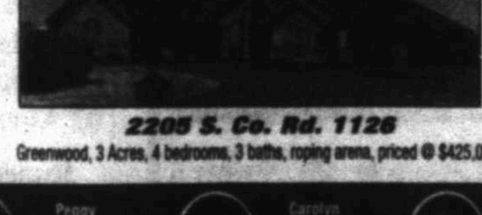

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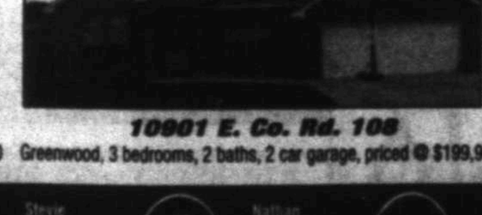

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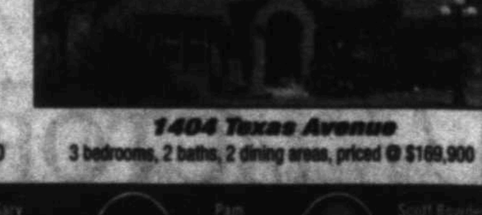

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1600 E. Co. Rd. 145
2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 1,792 sq. ft. 3 workshops, 7 acres.
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LOTS & LAND
1.5 Acres Possible owner finance, commercial zone $149,900 DANE

$85,000

3406 Park Lane
2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath recently remodeled, 979 sq ft.
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Remarkable low-maintenance 3br, 2.5ba townhome...Like new! Recent carpet-2011 & roof-2009! Open floorplan, soaring ceilings, hand textured walls & ceiling in main living areas, neutral paint, recessed lighting, breakfast bar, built-ins, front & back covered patios, small backyard! Move-in ready!!!

1600 N J St - $235,000
Wonderful, spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bath home on large corner lot w/mature landscaping! Recent updates & roof replaced 2010! Remodeled to add mud room off back entry, large pantry & bedroom! 3 Living, 2 dining areas, neutral paint, crown moulding, tons of storage space, pergo floor, tiled, circle drive & rear entry to carport! Great family room addition has walls of windows overlooking backyard!

231 County Rd 300 Garden City, Tx - $275,000
Fabulous country property showcasing 3br, 2.5ba & 22.05 Acres in garden city built in 2008! Pergo wood, tile floors, carpet in all bedrooms, neutral paint, cozy fireplace, custom lighting, large walk-in closets thru-out! Sep. Master suite has double vanities, jetted tub & double head walk-in shower! Kitchen w/pantry, breakfast bar, dining area & above cabinet decor space! Great covered back patio!

1105 Castleford Rd - $299,900
Spectacular 4br, 2.5ba home featuring 2living areas, 2dining areas, completely updated kitchen, recent interior/exterior paint! Great den w/cozy fireplace, skylights & built-ins! Family room has fireplace, hardwood floor, wall of windows & access to backyard! Master suite w/double vanities, double closets, sep. Tub & shower! Wonderful curb appeal w/lush landscaping & circle drive!!

5312 Widener Strip - $299,999
Fabulous 3br, 3.5ba home showcasing dazzling pool/hot tub & custom features thru-out! Crown moulding, skylights, hardwoods, hand textured walls, front & back covered patios! Gourmet kitchen has stainless appl., Wine cooler, island, pantry, breakfast bar, breakfast dining & formal dining area! Built-in desk in utility w/bskt! Master has dbl sinks, jetted tub, walk-in shower & back patio access! Wow

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6100 HWY. 80/6100 I-20 SERVICE RD. - $325,000
BEAUTY & RUSTIC MEET HERE!
Open floorplan w/trendy pine wood/high ceilings w/huge wood beams! Large living w/gas/wood burning stone/brick fireplace & skylights! Kitchen is updated & open to breakfast nook with bay windows! Breakfast bar! Spacious bedrooms & roomy closets! Recreation studies thru-out! High ceilings! Tons of tile! Open patio w/huge yard! Swing set stays & still room for trampoline, a pool & a dog run! Tons of room!

6100 ORIOLE - $225,000
NICELY UPDATED & A HUGE LOT!
4 Bedrooms/2 baths! Formal dining with columns is open to large living room with skylights & fireplace! Kitchen is updated & open to breakfast nook with bay windows! Breakfast bar! Spacious bedrooms & roomy closets! Recreation studies thru-out! High ceilings! Tons of tile! Open patio w/huge yard! Swing set stays & still room for trampoline, a pool & a dog run! Tons of room!

3804 CRESTRIDGE - $288,000
4 BEDROOMS/3 BATH DH QUIET CUL-DE-SAC!
Tons of space! Awesome location! 4 Bedrooms/ 3 Baths! Huge living room w/vaulted ceilings, fireplace, walls of windows & bay window! Kitchen has breakfast bar/formal dining! Sep master suite w/huge closet & roomy bath! Indoor play w/private bath! Jack & Jill bath between other 2 bedrooms! Half bath too! Recreation studies! 2 Car rear entry garage! Low-maintenance backyard! Ready now! Quick call-let us see!

3316 WEDGWOOD - $215,000
2 STORY TOWNHOME!
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Awesome Clearwater Condo with Saltillo tile throughout! Shares fireplace in great den! Down stairs, unquestioned master suite w/ fabulous 3 bright with windows to the patio! Two upgraded bathrooms upstairs with huge closets share a Jack & Jill bath! Move-in ready with decorator colors! Open patio is perfect for grilling! Assigned, covered parking spaces in front & convenient parking in front! Close to pool- perfect for retreat!

4601 BROOKDALE - $135,000
NICE FLOORPLAN! GREAT PRICE!
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They deserve our admiration.
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For some it was just yesterday;
For some it's been many years;
In the jungle or the desert,
On land or on the sea,
They did whatever was assigned
To produce a victory.

Some came back, some didn't.
They defended us everywhere.
Some saw combat, some rode a desk;
All of them did their share.
No matter what the duty,
For low pay, and little glory,
These soldiers gave up normal lives,
For duties mundane and gory.
Let every veteran be honored;
Don't let politics get in the way.
Without them, freedom would have died;
What they did, we can't repay.
We owe so much to them,
Who kept us safe from terror,
So when we see a uniform,
Let's say "thank you" to every wearer.

-By Joanna Fuchs

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1709 PINE...Virginia Elizondo 349-3421 ... MLS #86570 ... SALE PENDING
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4500 LASALLE...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #86224 ... SALE PENDING
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1004 CO. RD. 84...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #85731 ... $119,900
1297 E. GOLF COURSE...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #86766 ... $114,900
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3500 MICHIGAN...Jennifer Martin 349-2632 ... MLS #86067 ... SOLD
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609 CANYON DR...Josie Rendon 689-8394 ... MLS #85028 ... $110,000
1102 CUTHBERT AVE...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #86183 ... $109,900
308 TANGLEWOOD...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #85290 ... SALE PENDING
2508 COLLEGE AVE...Kim Rhyne 528-5646 ... MLS #85828 ... SALE PENDING
116 W. CUTHBERT AVE...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #85167 ... $107,000
3517 THOMAS...Martha Manulik 557-8744 ... MLS #85918 ... SALE PENDING
3807 THOMASON DR...Kim Rhyne 528-4646 ... MLS #85827 ... $99,900
3306 MARIANA...Sandy Hanson 618-5017 ... MLS #86553 ... SALE PENDING
4606 CO. RD. 1135...Pamela Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #86166 ... $99,000
1400 COLLEGE DR...Josie Alvarez 296-1395 ... MLS #85391 ... SALE PENDING
5006 PLEASANT...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ... MLS #86441 ... SALE PENDING
0509 KANAWHA...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ... MLS #85897 ... SALE PENDING
2830 DELANO AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #86631 ... $95,000
4503 CROCKETT...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #86282 ... $95,000
305 E. OAK...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #86519 ... SALE PENDING
600 DEVONIAN...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #86427 ... $92,000
4617 GRACELAND...Mark Phillbier 618-5071 ... MLS #86550 ... SALE PENDING
4910 ANETTA...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #85928 ... $79,000
4329 BROOKDALE DR...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #86602 ... $74,900
1322 E. ESTES...Donna Omar 349-1458 ... MLS #84957 ... SOLD

MIDLAND'S BEST 2 BEDROOM & 1 BEDROOM HOMES

3209 HAYNES AVE...Lisa Jansa 661-7225 ... MLS #86480 ... SOLD
3607 WEDGEWOOD...Sandy Hanson 618-5017 ... MLS #86555 ... SALE PENDING
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4902 ANDREWS HWY...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #85113 ... $175,000
4519 SPENCE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #84985 ... SOLD

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1702 NORTHRUP DR...Jane Wolf 618-5021 ... MLS #86318 ... SOLD
2106 WESTWING...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #86449 ... $135,000
4606 CO. RD. 1135...Pamela Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #86166 ... $99,000
118 SIX SHOOTER GULCH, FT. DAVIS...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #85938 ... $96,500

600 DEVONIAN...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #86427 ... $92,000
1404 MICHIGAN AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #84847 ... SALE PENDING
1102-1104 CARRIZO...Martha Manulik 618-5049 ... MLS #85901 ... $57,000
111 SIX SHOOTER GULCH, FT. DAVIS...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #86013 ... $49,500

MIDLAND'S LARGEST SELECTION OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

6009 E HWY 80...Amy Brasher 352-6714 ... MLS #85159 ... $1,200,000
2782 CO RD 130...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #86536 ... $525,000
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7101 CO RD...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #86790 ... $430,000
3314 W. CO RD 185...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #85880 ... $395,000
2101 SCR 1089...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #86406 ... $360,900
10510 E. CO. RD. 109...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #86256 ... $360,000
2101 E CO RD 1087...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #86406 ... $355,900
5136 E. MARIGOLD, GARDENDALE...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #85743 ... $345,000
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10200 E CO RD 103...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #86407 ... $335,900

4109 S. FM 818...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #86516 ... $325,000
6601 S. CO. RD. 1278...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... MLS #84040 ... $279,900
231 COUNTY RD 300, GARDEN CITY...Lisa Jansa 618-5074 ... MLS# 86691 ... $275,000
2012 S. CO. RD 1098...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #85542 ... SALE PENDING
6202 S. CO. RD. 1182...Dona Satterfield 689-6241 ... MLS #85815 ... $238,900
1701 CO. RD. 1085...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #86531 ... $220,000
10512 CO. RD. 103...Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #86218 ... SALE PENDING
8400 W. CO. RD. 170...Mark Phillbier 618-5071 ... MLS #86133 ... $215,000
10807 E. CO. RD. 104...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #86254 ... $209,900
12215 W. CO. RD. 54...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #86115 ... $208,000
4300 N. CO. RD. 1125...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #85949 ... $180,000

10902 CO. RD. 106...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ... MLS #86791 ... $174,900
1210 CO. RD. 1082...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... MLS #86506 ... $141,900
5905 E. CO. RD. 57...Amy Barnett 352-6714 ... MLS #85535 ... SALE PENDING
6009 E. CO. RD. 84...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #85319 ... SALE PENDING
5003 CO. RD. 1136...Chad Tabor 288-7025 ... MLS #86405 ... SALE PENDING
4606 CO. RD. 1135...Pamela Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #86166 ... $99,000
6009 E. CO. RD. 86...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #86292 ... $95,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... 9 Lots Left...3.5 Acre Lots/$95,000
118 SIX SHOOTER GULCH, FT. DAVIS...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #85938 ... $96,500
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... 3+ Acre Lots/Lots $79,000/A
111 SIX SHOOTER GULCH, FT. DAVIS...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #86013 ... $49,500

OUT OF TOWN, ANDREWS & ODESSA LISTINGS

6953 SLEEPY HOLLOW, ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #85104 ... $1,495,000
6670 SANDHILLS, GARDENDALE, TX...Perkins Brasher 349-3421 ... MLS #83984 ... $375,000/LEASE
4500 FM 2401...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #85130 ... $302,910
231 COUNTY RD 300, GARDEN CITY...Lisa Jansa 618-5074 ... MLS# 86691 ... $275,000
5380 SE COUNTY RD...ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #86640 ... $260,000
2264 SE CO. RD. 3601, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #83600 ... $195,000
3811 LARKSPUR, GARDENDALE, TX...Mark Phillbier 618-5071 ... MLS #85671 ... $194,900
1700 E. 21ST., ODESSA, TX...Gloria Valdez Farmer 563-2732 ... MLS #83237 ... $186,000
1103 GOLF COURSE RD., ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #84166 ... $179,000
5455 SE CR 1000, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #83011 ... $175,900
712 BURLESON, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #84740 ... $164,000

3825 37TH ST...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... MLS #86779 ... $159,900
710 BURLESON, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #84741 ... $154,000
709 GRAY ST., STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #83594 ... SALE PENDING
1103 ST. PETER, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #84426 ... SALE PENDING
811 NW 7TH ST., ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #86641 ... SALE PENDING
100 E. FORRESTER, McCAMEY, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #86278 ... $124,900
1712 CRESCENT DR., ODESSA, TX...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... MLS #85659 ... SALE PENDING
319 E. 50TH, ODESSA, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #82555 ... $100,000
600 SHEPHARDS WAY, ANDREWS, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #86277 ... SALE PENDING
4224 REDBUD...Terrie Reed 528-8238 ... MLS #85556 ... $99,000
10810 E. AUBURN...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #83508 ... SALE PENDING

510 CO. RD., SWEETWATER TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #84576 ... $97,000
3155 DANLEY DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #85245 ... $90,000
601 NE-AVE. G, ANDREWS, TX...Danny Norwood 619-5012 ... MLS #83832 ... $89,900
502 4TH ST., STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #85438 ... $82,000
400 ST. PAUL...Michelle Kid 894-1253 ... MLS #86218 ... $78,000
2101 LIVE OAK LANE, BROWNWOOD, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253...MLS #84003 ... $70,000
601 NE-AVE. G, ANDREWS, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012...MLS #83832 ... $64,000
806 AVE. F., ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #82418 ... $50,000
401 ST. JOSEPH...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #79043 ... $40,000
Trailer House #10, CR 112 PECOS, TX...Petite frame 3/0-107...709 LEASE (1) $1,000 6 months ... $3,000, $7/MONTH

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

1118 S. FM 1788...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... MLS #82225 ... SOLD
3900 S. CO. RD. 1285...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 ... MLS #74663 ... $1,325,000
6009 E. HWY. 80...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 ... MLS #85159 ... $1,200,000
2101 E. 8th St. ODESSA...Petite frame/slim-frame/self 36-40", 163#/185#...2 Yes' RENT 200 business and property for sale ... $900,000
11911 CO. RD. 125...Ashley St John 352-6254 ... MLS #86474 ... $850,000
FAUDREE RD...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #85131 ... $751,600
FAUDREE RD...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #85133 ... $685,987
2112 E. I-20 SERVICE ROAD...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #74975 ... $570,000
2929 E. 8th St. ODESSA...Petite frame/Army Barnett 349-3421 ... MLS #81594 17,654 sq. ft ... $500,000
1909 W. WALL ST....Martha Manulik 618-5049 ... MLS #85906 ... $497,500
1009 N. BIG SPRING...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #85135 ... $425,000
103 'A' STREET...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #85262 ... $335,000

106 'A' STREET...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #85263 ... $335,000
4321 ILLINOIS AVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #83490 ... $319,000
4500 FM 2401...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #85130 ... $302,910
1600 FRONT ST....Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #86585 ... $295,000
1611 WALL ST....Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #84123 ... $294,500
610 ANDREWS HWY...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #83499 ... $283,500
13220 E. HWY. 80, ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980...MLS #83493 ... $283,500
4301 W. ILLINOIS...Mark Phillbier 618-5071 ... MLS #86388 ... $269,900
0 AIR PARK RD...Amy Barnett 352-6714 ... MLS #79796 ... $260,000
2803 ANDREWS HWY, ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980...MLS #86616 ... $259,000
2108 MICHIGAN AVE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #84373 ... $250,000
4900 N. MIDKIFF...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #85039 ... $239,000

1800 N. CO. RD. W., ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #83958 ... $230,000
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4315-4319 W. ILLINOIS...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #79804 ... $199,000
FAUDREE RD...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #85132 ... $184,500
412 N. TERRELL...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #82897 ... $169,500
1526 OLIVER...Perkins Brasher 349-3421 ... MLS #85470 ... $168,000
400 WAKEFIELD...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #85448 ... $168,000
1201 LIVE OAK LANE...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #84020 ... $159,000
3400 E. HWY. 80...Joyce Brickey 352-4127 ... MLS #84364 ... $140,000
1102-04 CARRIZO ST....Martha Manulik 618-5049 ... MLS #85901 ... $57,000
Trailer House #10, CR 112 PECOS, TX...Petite frame 3/0-107...709 LEASE (1) $1,000 6 months ... $3,000, $7/MONTH

LANDS AND LOTS

CO. RD. 1120 S...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #78101 ... $12,500/ACRE
3900 S. CO. RD. 1285...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 ... MLS #74663 ... $1,325,000
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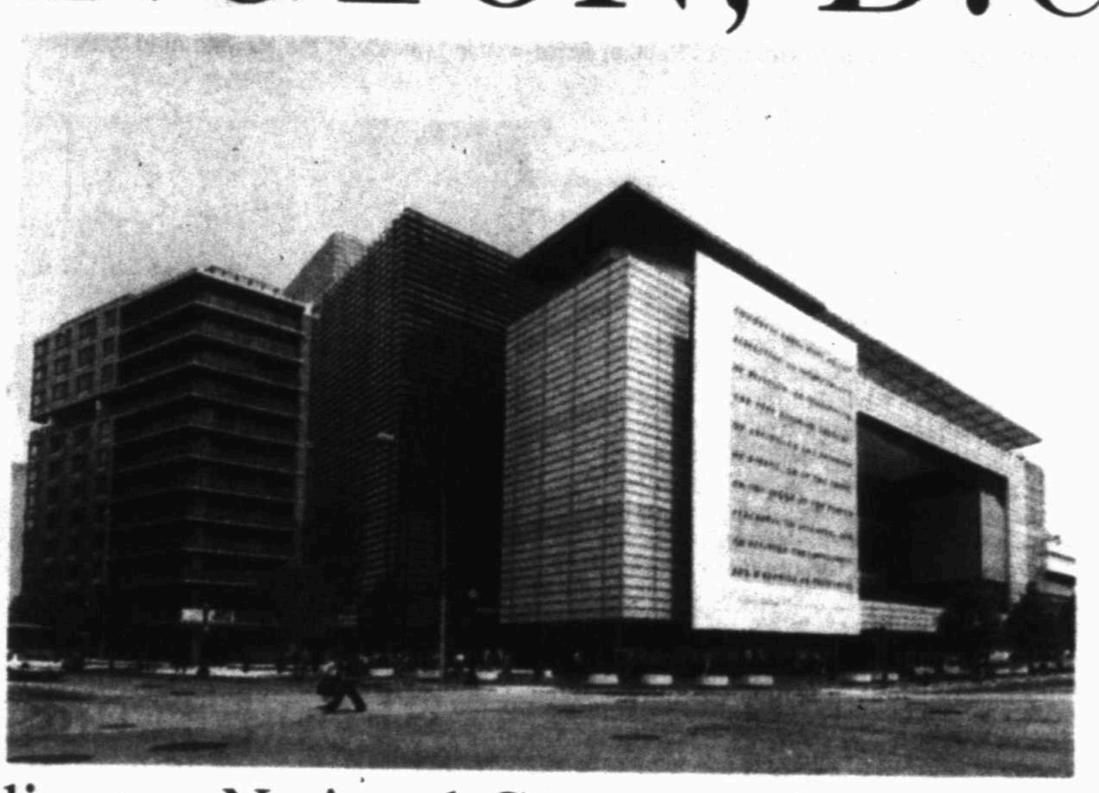

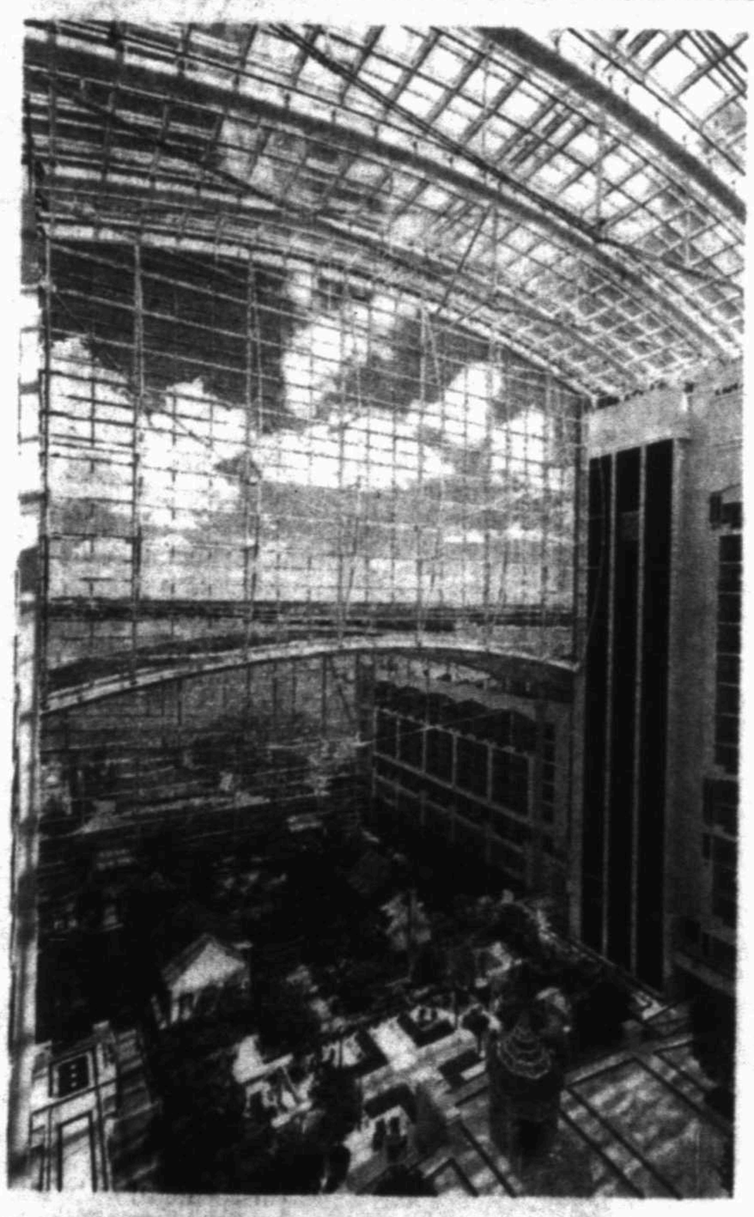

Arlington National Cemetery, Newseum top list of must-see sites in nation's capital

By Mary Dearen
Managing Editor

WASHINGTON —

INSIDE
Food, scenery, service make Washington trip 'grand adventure'

The clicking of the soldier's heels washes over the hushed crowd gathered at the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery. The sentinel of the Army's 3rd U.S. Infantry slowly paces back and forth, back and forth, in front of the Tomb of the Unknowns. He takes 21 steps, clicks his heels, pauses 21 seconds, faces the tomb and clicks his heels again. The stoic infantryman in dress uniform continues his pacing. Then we hear a gong in the distance, signaling it's time for the changing of the guard. This solemn ceremony, which concludes with the playing of taps, occurs every hour (or every half-hour, depending on the time of year) as the soldiers maintain a round-the-clock vigil.

When I learned I would be visiting the nation's capital for the Scripps National Spelling Bee, I knew there were two sights I had to see — Arlington National Cemetery and the Newseum.

Walking with my brother and sister-in-law (who live in Alexandria, Va.,) through Arlington, certain names jumped off the tombstones — Gen. Omar Bradley, Admiral William Halsey, Gen. Alexander Haig. This sacred ground is the final resting place of many of the nation's generals and admirals.

The cemetery encompasses more than 600 acres, and more than 320,000 service men and women are buried there, so we knew we couldn't see it all.

After entering the ornate gates, we headed for the grave site of President John F. Kennedy. This was Memorial Day weekend and the grave site bore two wreaths — one from President and Mrs. Barack Obama and one from "returned Peace

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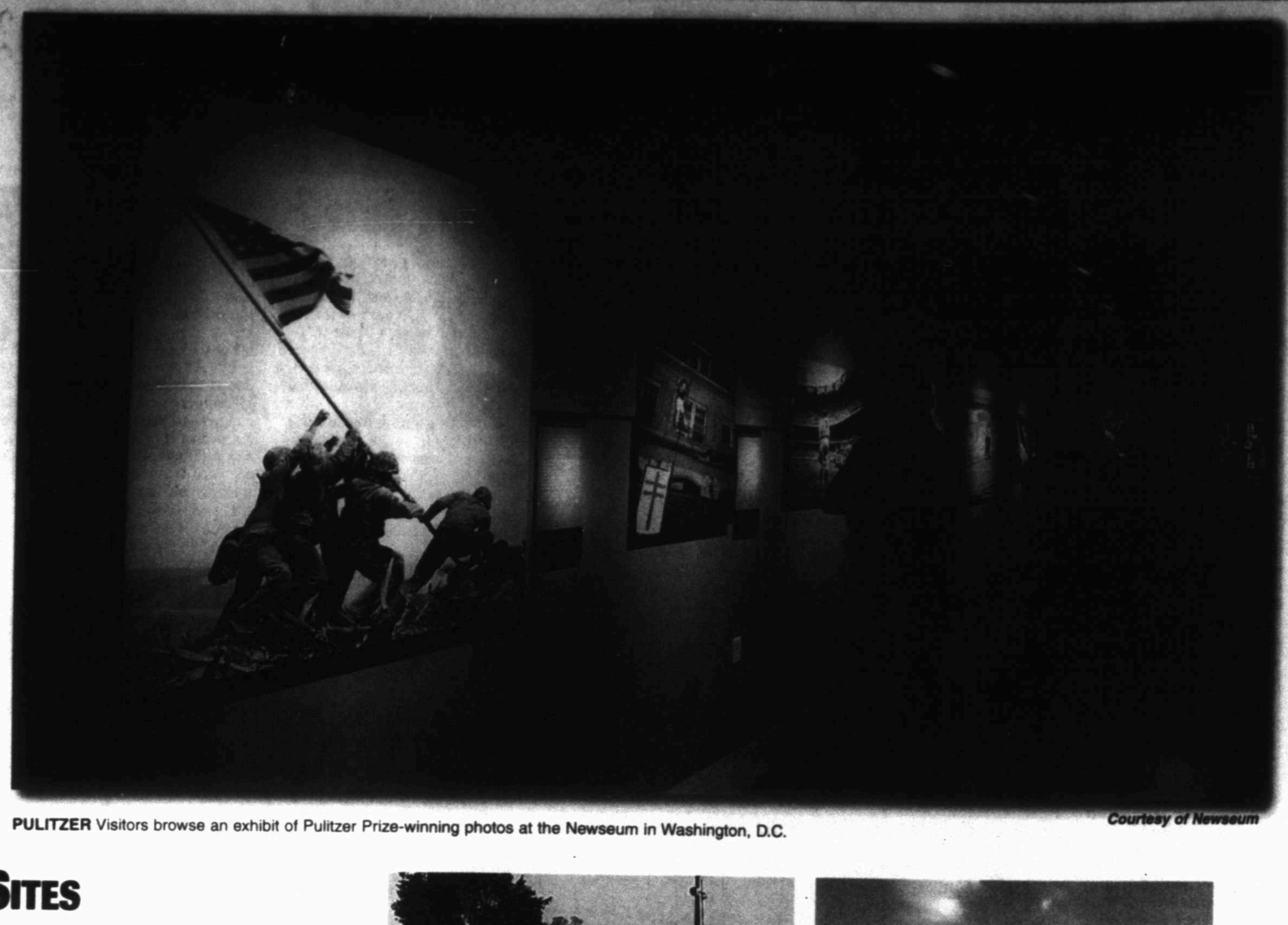
A memorial, top left, honors the 101st Army Airborne Division, known as the "Screaming Eagles." The division was activated during World War II and continues serving today. TOP RIGHT: The U.S. Army's Third U.S. Infantry maintains round-the-clock vigil at The Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. Depending on the time of year, the guards are on duty either one hour or 30 minutes at a time and follow this routine — they walk 21 steps, face the tomb, pause for 21 seconds, reposition their rifle to the opposite soldier and then walk 21 steps in the opposite direction. ABOVE LEFT: Headstones form perfect lines at Arlington National Cemetery. ABOVE: The exterior of the Newseum is shown. LEFT: The interior atrium of the Gaylord Resort is shown. BOTTOM LEFT: Among the memorials scattered throughout the 624-acre cemetery is one honoring journalists who died covering wars or conflicts. BELOW: The U.S. Capitol is shown.

Photos at top, bottom left and below courtesy of John Dargenio. Photos at center courtesy of Arlington National Cemetery, Newseum and Gaylord Resort



PULITZER Visitors browse an exhibit of Pulitzer Prize-winning photos at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. *Courtesy of Newseum*

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Walls of granite opposite the site of the eternal flame bear the words of Kennedy's inaugural speech: "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country."

For a few minutes I just stood staring in wonderment at the flickering flame.

Buried with the 35th president are his wife, Jackie Kennedy Onassis, and two of their children: Patrick Bouvier Kennedy and an unnamed daughter.

The graves of Kennedy's brothers — Robert and Edward — are nearby and are marked by modest white crosses.

The Tomb of the Unknowns was next on our tour, but on our way there I was taken aback by the hundreds upon hundreds of headstones as far as we could see in every direction.

The Tomb of the Unknowns is a white marble sarcophagus bearing the words "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God." It contains the remains of unidentified soldiers from World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam (the remains of the Vietnam Unknown eventually were identified through DNA testing and the crypt containing the Vietnam Unknown currently is empty, according to the cemetery's website.)

After hearing taps played, we walked across a roadway and discovered three memorials placed together. They were in honor of the crews of the space shuttles Challenger and Columbia and the military personnel who died in the failed attempt to rescue the hostages in Iran on Feb. 25, 1980. We also discovered a memorial to journalists who were killed covering wars or conflicts.

The last stop on our tour was Arlington House — the Robert E. Lee Memorial. What is now the best-known of the nation's more than 100 national cemeteries used to be the property of the former confederate general. The home is being restored, so while we had the opportunity to walk through the house, we were disappointed the furnishings had been removed during the project.

As we walked toward the gates of the cemetery we came upon the tomb of Admiral Robert Byrd and a memorial to members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne. Wreaths surrounded the memorial, which is topped by the 101st's iconic "Screaming Eagle." One of the wreaths bore the name of Gen. Anthony McAuliffe, the division's commander during Battle of the Bulge I had to smile because my dad, who was in the 101st during World War II, often talked about the general who is famous for his one-word reply — "Nuts!" — to the Germans' ultimatum to surrender.

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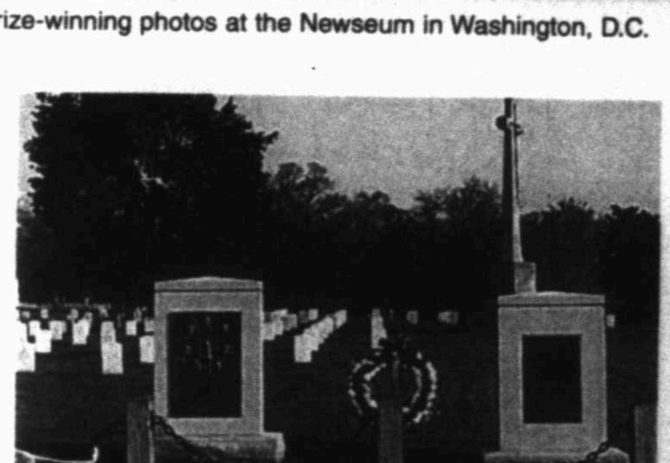
The next day we visited the Newseum, a 25,000-square-foot museum dedicated to news history. Its mission, according to its website, is "providing a forum where the media and the public can gain a better understanding of each other."

With seven levels of exhibits, it was impossible to see it all during the afternoon we were there. We spent the most time perusing Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs and in the 9/11 Gallery.

The 9/11 Gallery, which will bring tears to even the most-stalwart visitor, features Sept. 12, 2001, front pages from papers around the world; a short video about some of the journalists who covered the story; and artifacts such as pieces of the Pentagon and the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania.

We also were enthralled by:

- The Berlin Wall exhibit, a permanent exhibit that features eight sections of the wall and an East German guard tower. My first reaction to the tower was — "How did they get it in here?"
- "Covering Katrina," which is on display through Sept. 18, chronicles how two newspapers, The Times-Picayune in New Orleans and the Sun Herald of Biloxi and Gulfport, Miss., overcame the challenges posed by the storm. The exhibit includes copies of front pages and artifacts such as a kayak used by a Times-Picayune photographer to navigate flooded streets and an anti-looter sign that was used as a backdrop for network news reporters.
- "G-Men and Journalists," which is on display through the end of the year, illustrates how the media covered some of the FBI's biggest cases — the Unabomber, Patty Hearst kidnapping and the Oklahoma City bombing. The exhibit also takes a look at the FBI's cases involving spies, gangsters and civil rights.



Courtesy of Arlington National Cemetery

Memorials to shuttle Challenger and Iran Hostage Rescue Mission at Arlington National Cemetery.

Courtesy of Gaylord Resort

The exterior of the Gaylord Resort. Outside of the hotel a walking trail winds around the Potomac River.

Food, scenery, service make trip to Washington 'grand adventure'

By Mary Dearen
Managing Editor

WASHINGTON — When I left Midland at the end of May for a week in the nation's capital, I knew I was in for a grand adventure. I just didn't know the adventure would involve learning to navigate the hotel elevators.

The Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, which actually is in National Harbor, Md., is a large establishment and it took me a couple of elevator trips to figure out not all the cars go down to the lobby and atrium, where the restaurants and shops are located. Some elevator cars went only as far as the second floor and guests had to change cars.

The second floor is the "convention center" — a maze of meeting rooms and ballrooms. The Gaylord's Maryland Ballroom was the site of last month's Scripps National Spelling Bee. For parts of three days, 275 spellers — including Midlander Thomas Rubio — their families and the national media, including ESPN, filled the ballroom. At the end of bee week, the ballroom also was where everyone gathered for the awards banquet.

E.W. Scripps Co. was kind enough to treat bee sponsors to four days at the Gaylord so they could attend the competition and cheer on their spellers. The treat included a gift card to use at any of the resort's restaurants.

There are four restaurants ■ Moon Bay, National Pastime Sports Bar and Grill, Pienza Italian Market and Old Hickory Steakhouse — and a "fast-food" option, Java Coast.

The latter has offerings such as bagels, pastries, sandwiches, salads, muffins and fruit. My last day there I bought two apples — one for breakfast and one to eat on the plane. They were the best apples I ever had. (After completing an online survey about my stay at the Gaylord, I discovered the apples were organic galas.)

I ate at two of the restaurants — Moon Bay, which serves seafood, and National Pastime. I wanted to try Pienza, but they aren't open for supper and I never had time for breakfast or lunch. The steakhouse is kind of pricey, and reservations are recommended.

At Moon Bay I had a bowl of clam chowder, which was served with a basket of crusty bread (it could have been a meal by itself). The soup was OK, but I expected a restaurant on the Potomac River to have a more flavorful clam chowder. National Pastime — which has big-screen TVs scattered throughout — exceeded my expectations. The burger was thick and juicy and the fries crispy. The waitress was very attentive and kept bringing me refills of Diet Coke.

The Gaylord was a wonderful getaway. The room was nicely furnished and the bed was very comfortable. All members of the staff were extremely friendly and helpful. They seemed to genuinely enjoy their jobs and taking care of the guests.

One of the best things about staying at the Gaylord, though, was the walking path that begins outside of the resort's doors and winds around the Potomac. I walked from the resort and ended up in Virginia, which I figured was about three miles one way.

It was a good thing I walked all those miles, in order to counter some of the meals I ate during the week. Before the bee I spent time with my brother and sister-in-law, who live in Virginia. They took me to some of their favorite restaurants; the food and service were exceptional — especially at Carmine's.

■ Hank's Oyster Bar in Old Town Alexandria, Va.

We ate here my first night in town. It was a cool evening, so we sat outside. The tables are on the front sidewalk, making for a fun evening of people-watching. I had the fried clams platter and substituted extra cole slaw for the fries — it was enough food for two people.

■ Peking Gourmet Inn in Falls Church, Va.

The restaurant's walls are covered with photos of the VIPs who have dined there over the years. These include former Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, former Secretary of State Colin Powell, former Secretary of Defense William Cohen, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer and actor John Travolta. On our way out we saw a VIP in person: then Secretary of Defense Robert Gates.

If you like duck, this is the place to go. For those diners who order Peking duck, a server carves it at their table. We had it as an appetizer. The duck slices are wrapped in what looked like paper-thin tortillas, along with celery, home-grown spring onions and hoisin sauce. The extensive menu includes chicken, beef, pork, seafood and vegetable dishes, along with several other appetizers. For the main courses we shared pork with spring onions and a seafood and vegetable dish.

■ Carmine's in Washington D.C.

Carmine's is a family-style Italian restaurant. This is one of five locations. There are two in New York City, including the first one that was opened in 1990, and one in Atlantic City, N.J., and Atlantis, Bahamas.

We started off with fried calamari (squid) and shared two entrees. My brother let me decide on one of them. When I saw linguine with clam sauce (both red and white sauce are available), I had to have it. That was among our dad's favorite dishes.

■ Indigo Landing in Alexandria

Indigo Landing, which is on National Park Service land, has great atmosphere to go along with great food.

We sat outside and I couldn't believe the scenery: the Washington Monument, U.S. Capitol and Jefferson Memorial. The restaurant is practically next door to Reagan International Airport and so we had a floor show of planes taking off and landing.

Indigo has a varied menu. I was intrigued when I saw risotto with Parmesan and seasonal vegetables; shrimp or chicken could be added (I added shrimp). I wasn't disappointed.

■ Bread and Chocolate in Old Town Alexandria

We ate breakfast here before heading out on a day of sightseeing. The cafe is known for its breads, cakes and pastries. But they do a pretty good job in the hearty breakfast department — eggs with turkey bacon or sausage, omelets, French toast, German-style pancakes and various coffees. The menu also features soups, salads and sandwiches.

The week I spent in Washington was a grand adventure. And by the time I left I was an old-hand at navigating the elevators at the Gaylord.

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- Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, 201 Waterfront St., National Harbor, Md. 20745; to make reservations, 301-965-4000; www.gaylordhotels.com/gaylord-national.
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FAMILY MATTERS

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Wife worries about husband's continued use of pain medication

DEAR FAMILY: My husband has been taking Vicodin since his shoulder surgery over a year ago. I have noticed he has changed doctors several times and seems always to have the medication. Whenever I started asking him about it several months ago he got very angry and said his shoulder still hurt and he couldn't sleep without the pills. He took the prescriptions out of the medicine cabinet, so now I don't really know where he keeps them. What I do know is he continues to drink a few beers at night and passes out. I think I also can tell when he's not taking the pills because he's angry at everyone and everything. When I think he takes too many he seems drowsy and a little goofy, but I don't dare ask about it. We used to have a great sex life but now he doesn't seem interested in me. Could that have something to do with the Vicodin, too?

I love my husband, but I don't like this person. Can a drug he gets from a doctor do all of that to him? Is there anything I can do to help him? — WORRIED WIFE

DEAR WORRIED: You are right to be worried about your husband and his prolonged use of Vicodin. Some of the more common warning signs of potential Vicodin addiction include:

- Continued use of the drug: Even after the episode of pain for which the drug was prescribed has ended, those who have become addicted will continue to use the drug as a comforter.
- Mood and behavior changes: Those with an addiction will develop hostile and volatile behavioral tendencies, even toward loved ones and those close by. Anxiety and general agitation are classic traits.
- Joint and muscle aches, increased night sweats and insomnia are common symptoms, particularly with missed doses of the drug.
- Furtive behavior: People who are dependent on higher-than-prescribed doses of Vicodin may use deceitful methods in order to gain additional supplies of the drug.
- Self denial: In the early stages of addiction, users often attempt to convince themselves they are not becoming addicted. Many hide packets of drugs and disguise the act of taking the pills in order to avoid confronting their need for over use of the drug.

As you have observed, Vicodin abuse can decrease testosterone levels in males thereby lowering their interest in sex. In addition to the depression of the central nervous system by the Vicodin, your husband's use of alcohol can create an additive effect on the central nervous system, thereby producing impairment of psychomotor skills, thinking and irreversible liver damage.

No one starts out wanting to be addicted to anything, most people always think they can quit if they want to. I would encourage you first to become more educated about Vicodin, its characteristics and potential for abuse and addiction. Googling "Vicodin addiction" can lead to a wealth of information. The recovery from a hydrocodone abuse/addiction is as complex as any other drug recovery, never mind it is prescribed by a doctor. There are a number of treatment center websites that can give you things to think about. After you have educated yourself, I would encourage you to seek counseling from a licensed alcohol and chemical abuse counselor, call the local Palmer Drug Abuse Program and consider attending an AlAnon meeting. This is not easy.

Camp visiting day for parents: Worth the effort?

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mom Stacey Udell couldn't wait for visitors day when her daughter first went to sleepaway camp at age 9.

"About two hours in she said to me, 'I think you better leave now. You don't want to get stuck in traffic.' We had just sat down to lunch."

Six summers later, Udell thinks the traditional day for parents, grandparents and siblings to check out what their campers are up to is definitely more about the grown-ups than the kids.

"It sets many kids back," said Udell, whose daughter is now 15 and will return to camp this year with her 13-year-old brother. "I see a lot of kids crying at the end of visiting day."

The day isn't only long and hot. Routines for the kids are disrupted and it can feel more about the goodies parents bring along than quality time. Like Udell's daughter, the kids may be more excited about water fights, cabin pajama parties and special sports tournaments planned to burn energy and distract them the night after parents leave.

As many full-summer programs have been trimmed back from eight weeks to six or seven, are parent visiting days worth the trouble? Absolutely, camp directors said, though some acknowledged most kids likely could live without them.

Every camp has its own policy on whether and when visitors are welcome.

Some with shorter sessions have done away with a single visiting day for all parents and instead invite parents to come for a few hours if and when they can. Some provide two all-camp scheduled dates so divorced parents can visit separately, according to the American Camp Association.

Some camps running four-week sessions welcome visitors on the last day so parents don't have to make a special trip if they were planning to pick up their kids anyway. Others offer a separate grandparents day or the chance for siblings to spend the night in cabins.

"Often the choice of where to go to summer camp will hinge in part on combining visitors day with other travel plans. Parents are pretty conscious of how to make it work," said Chris Thurber, a psychologist and camp staff trainer.

Making it work — and smoothing the way for re-entry into camp life for the kids — depends a lot on making sure parents follow the rules. At some camps, that means honoring guidelines not to haul in an excess of gifts, favorite snacks or banned foods, or following outright prohibitions on care packages of any kind.

To avoid leaving out kids whose families don't plan to show up on visitors day, camps often organize special trips for them off the grounds, such as a day at a nearby water park or beach. Or they seek volunteer parents who do plan to attend to take on a child left alone.

Campers who experienced homesickness on arrival at camp may have a touch of it again once it's time to say goodbye after a mid-session visitors day, but it usually doesn't last more than a day or two, camp directors said. Also, anticipation of visitors days can rev up campers ahead of the big event.

Visitors days come on top of camps offering parents glimpses of daily camp life through their websites, complete with video. That, said camp consultant Scott Arizala, could

Please see **CAMP**/6E

Wedding party exclusion offends best friend

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend, "Beth," finally has found her "Mr. Right" after almost 35 years of singlehood. She is being married soon and I am thrilled for her. Over the last 15 years, I have been her sounding board. I have been through every date, every kiss, every heartbreak and every broken engagement with a string of men.

Beth has invited me to the wedding, but she hasn't asked me to stand up for her. Because we live 2,000 miles apart, we talk frequently on the phone and I keep waiting for her to ask, but she never brings up the subject. It's like the elephant in the living room. Beth knows I can afford the trip, so money isn't a concern. Should I tell her my feelings are hurt or ask her who is going to stand up for her? Or should I follow my husband's advice and just "let it go"? — BROKEN-HEARTED FRIEND IN OREGON

DEAR BROKEN-HEARTED FRIEND: You may be close friends with Beth, but it's presumptuous to expect you have the right to dictate who should be in her wedding party. Please don't lay a guilt trip on her by saying your feelings are hurt. A better way to have your question answered would be to ask who they plan to have in their wedding party. Then once you have your answer, take your husband's advice. Let it go and don't let it destroy a long-term relationship.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Eric," has a fear of heights. He doesn't like glass elevators, never uses hotel balconies or drives on winding mountain roads. His parents were the same way.

The problem is he won't allow our young daughter to stand on the balcony, and he recently cut down our favorite mature tree because he was afraid our little girl would fall out of it. How can I stop my husband from passing on his phobia to our daughter? I have been patient with him, but cutting down the tree told me he has gone off the deep end. Please help. — RATIONAL WIFE

DEAR RATIONAL WIFE: A phobia is defined as "an inexplicable or illogical fear of a particular object, class of objects or situation." There's nothing illogical about keeping a small child off a balcony or out of a tall tree. However, cutting down the tree was an overreaction.

As much as Eric loves the child, he can't protect her from everything he perceives as a possible danger. He could have accomplished his goal of keeping her safe by impressing upon her tree-climbing is dangerous — something that's off-limits — and explaining exactly why.

DEAR ABBY: I have been working as a waitress for many years. Some of my past employers have had policies regarding discussing our tips. My current job has no such policy.

One of my co-workers likes to let everyone know how much he earns. I don't hear anyone else announcing their tips. Someone always will make less, and won't find it helpful having it confirmed out loud.

I don't know how to let my co-worker know this without seeming like I'm being critical. Your advice would be appreciated. — WAITRESS IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WAITRESS: It's never a good idea to brag about money because it can create resentment among co-workers. Because your restaurant has no policy regarding this, speak to the manager about establishing one. Or, post this column on the employee bulletin board for all to see.

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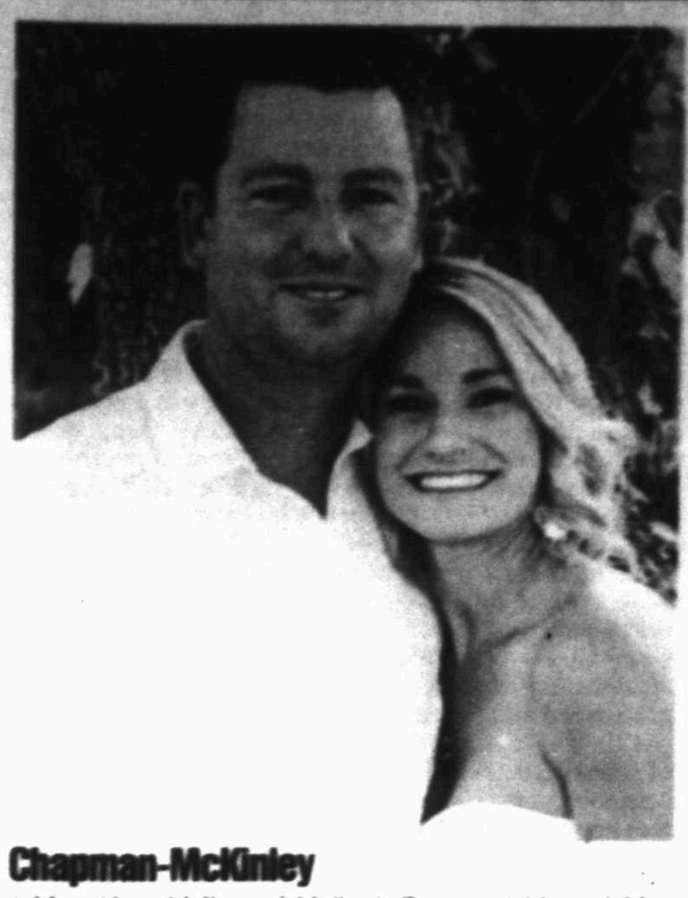


Chapman-McKinley

Mrs. Alena McIlroy of Midland, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen McIlroy of Snyder, Texas, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Myra Chapman, to Brian McKinley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McKinley of Glasgow, Scotland.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Dale and Joy Norton of Midland, Texas.

Myra is currently employed as a realtor for The Jeaneen Pruitt Team at The Victoria Printz Team, Realtors. Brian is currently the head golf professional at Green Tree Country Club.

The couple will unite as one family with their children MycKaya McKinley, Conor McKinley and Austun Chapman on August 5, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

A reception will be held on August 13, 2011 in Midland, Texas.

Collins - Fink

Jnita and Donald Collins of Amarillo announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathern Ann, to Matthew Ryan Fink of Midland. Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Cato and Letricia Collins, all of Amarillo, and the late Dean Collins.

Fink is the son of Laura and Joel Fink of Midland. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Gregory and the late Betty Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, all of Odessa, and Joel Fink Sr. of Arlington.

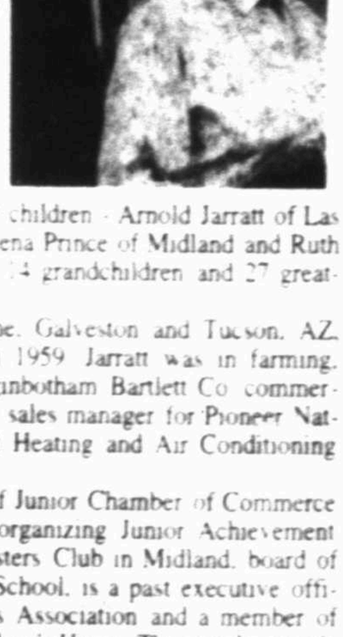
The couple plans to wed July 9 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Amarillo.

The bride-elect graduated from Tascosa High School in Amarillo in 2007. She graduated from Texas Tech University in May of 2011 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in multidisciplinary studies with a specialization in special education. She is employed with Midland Independent School District and is currently attending graduate school at Texas Tech.

The prospective groom graduated in 2005 from Midland Lee High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 2009 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed as an applications engineer at Hy-Bon Engineering Co. Inc. in Midland.

Anniversaries

Jarratts Celebrate 70th Anniversary

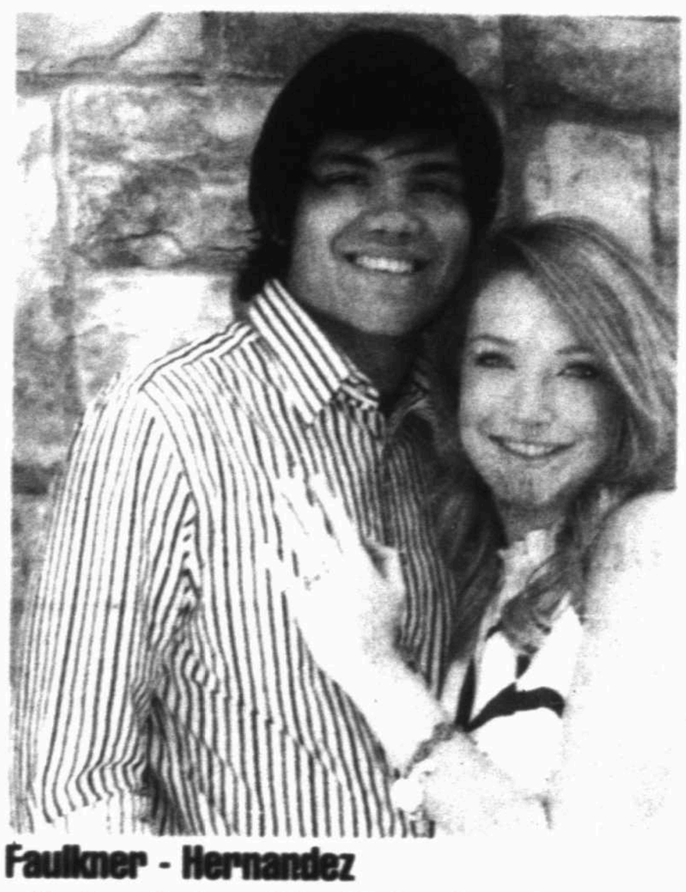


Irving and Ruby Jarratt of Midland celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary July 1. Their four children are hosting a come-and-go reception at their daughter's home Sunday afternoon, July 3 from 2pm-4pm. Friends are all welcome to come by and express their congratulations. RSVP to 631-6033.

Irving and the former Ruby Adrian were married July 1, 1941 at the home of an aunt, Mrs. Marion Mahon, in Lorraine, TX. The couple has four children - Arnold Jarratt of Las Vegas, Art Jarratt of Odessa, Jena Prince of Midland and Ruth Ewen of Ruidoso - as well as 14 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

The family lived in Lorraine, Galveston and Tucson, AZ, before moving to Midland in 1959. Jarratt was in farming, photography, worked for Higginbotham Bartlett Co. commercial construction, was regional sales manager for Pioneer Natural Gas Company and Jarratt Heating and Air Conditioning before his retirement.

Jarratt has been a member of Junior Chamber of Commerce in Colorado City, assisted in organizing Junior Achievement and a member of the Toastmasters Club in Midland, board of trustees at Midland Christian School, is a past executive officer of Midland Home Builders Association and a member of the P.R. board of Medina Children's Home. The couple attends the Church of Christ where Jarratt was an elder for many years.



Faulkner - Hernandez

Ms. Sherri Faulkner of East Windsor, Connecticut announces the engagement of her daughter, Holly Faulkner of Enfield, Connecticut, to Caleb Hernandez of Modesto, Calif.

Caleb is the son of Rigoberto and Soraya Hernandez of Managua, Nicaragua.

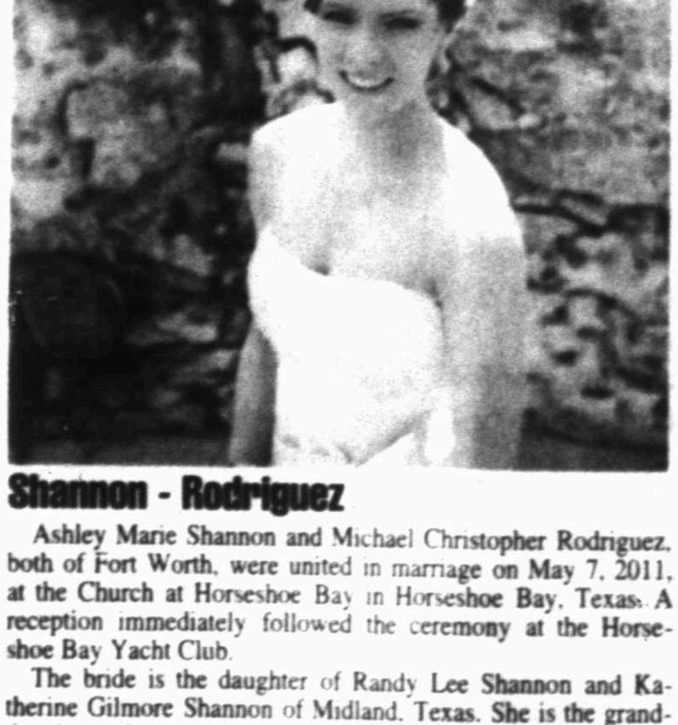
The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the remarkable Raymond and Judy McCarthy of Connecticut and the late Benjamin and Eloise Faulkner formerly of Mississippi. She is a 2009 graduate of Midland Christian High School and earned her Associate Degree of Science in 2011 from Midland College. She currently works as a beauty consultant for Mary Kay Inc.

The groom-elect is a 2009 graduate of Odessa High school and a 2010 graduate of Texas State Technical College. He is currently working as an electrician for K Bar Ranch Water Well and Electric.

Their wedding will take place this fall at Mid-Cities Community Church where they are both active members.

The two believe that God has infinite and wonderful plans for them as a couple and cannot wait to see where He takes them. Their relationship started with one verse and this verse will continue to lead them in the will of the Lord. "Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together" Psalm 34:3.

Weddings



Shannon - Rodriguez

Ashley Marie Shannon and Michael Christopher Rodriguez, both of Fort Worth, were united in marriage on May 7, 2011, at the Church at Horseshoe Bay in Horseshoe Bay, Texas. A reception immediately followed the ceremony at the Horseshoe Bay Yacht Club.

The bride is the daughter of Randy Lee Shannon and Katherine Gilmore Shannon of Midland, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Gilmore of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Shannon, also of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Salvador E. Rodriguez and the late Mr. Rodriguez, of Houston. He is the grandson of Mrs. Salvador G. Rodriguez and the late Mr. Rodriguez, of Houston, and the late Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Compton, also of Houston.

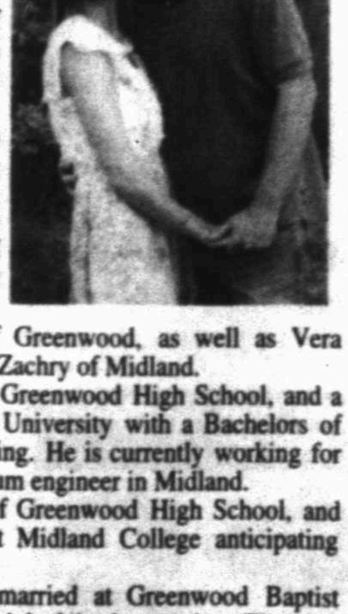
The bride wore an ivory silk chiffon and lace dress, enhanced with delicate beading and pearls. Her wedding veil, also worn by her mother and aunt, was cathedral length with beading and Alencon lace.

Ashley graduated from Texas Christian University (TCU) with a Bachelor of Science degree in advertising and public relations. She is currently employed at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas. Ashley serves as a member of the TCU Young Alumni Board, the Junior League of Fort Worth, and the Fort Worth Barnaby Club.

Michael is also a graduate of TCU, with a Bachelor of Science degree in finance. He is currently employed as a wealth management advisor at Merrill Lynch. Michael serves on the board of directors of the TCU Frog Club and the Fort Worth Library Foundation, and is a member of the M.D. Anderson Advance Team.

The couple honeymooned at Little Dix Bay in the British Virgin Islands, and reside in Fort Worth.

Howard - Zachry



Mr. and Mrs. Danny Howard of Greenwood are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Danna Jaye Howard to Brian Thomas Zachry.

Bride-elect is daughter of Danny and Nan Howard. She is the granddaughter of Peggy Howard and the late Bobby G. Howard of Greenwood, as well as Kenneth and Bobbie White of Vernon.

Groom elect is son of Michael and Denise Zachry of Greenwood. He is also the grandson of Linda Brooks and the late James R. Brooks of Greenwood, as well as Vera Zachry and the late Norman F. Zachry of Midland.

Brian is a 2004 graduate of Greenwood High School, and a 2008 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelors of Science in petroleum engineering. He is currently working for Samson Resources as a petroleum engineer in Midland.

Danna is a 2009 graduate of Greenwood High School, and currently a nursing student at Midland College anticipating completion May 2012.

Brian and Danna will be married at Greenwood Baptist Church on July 16, 2011 at 6 o'clock in the evening. The couple will reside in Greenwood.

Engagement, wedding, anniversary or quincenera announcements may be submitted to weddings@mrt.com For more information, call 682-6222.

Pair fresh, dry roses with summer foods

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

Looking for a summer wine? Roses are a blooming good choice.

We're talking the dry, fresh wines (pronounced ro-ZAY) that pair beautifully with warm-weather foods, such as grilled fish and sausage, and also aren't so bad sipped solo on a sunny patio.

In the past, drinking pink often has meant sipping something cheap and sweet, the kind of bottles you find way down on the bottom shelf.

But that has changed as more dry rose wines have become available — and more people have tuned in to how food-friendly those wines are.

"Over the last five years we've seen a real change," said Jon Priest, winemaker and general manager of the Etude winery in Napa, Calif., which makes a rose wine from pinot noir grapes. "It's become a very popular category."

Rose wines come in a spectrum of colors, from salmon to cerise (the term comes from the French word for cherry), and generally are made in one of two ways.

The first method, "saignee," or bleeding, derives from a procedure used to concentrate red wine. Some of the pink juice from a tank of macerating red wine grapes is drained off. That juice then is turned into rose.

Another method is to crush red wine grapes and leave the juice in contact with the skin for just a short time. (Red wine grape juice starts out white; the color comes from contact with the skins during fermentation.)

At Etude, the second method is used. "Our approach is to essentially pick the grapes earlier. We're really trying to retain a nice freshness, nice acidity, lower alcohols, lower sugar levels and then essentially make it like a white wine," said Priest.

Roses come from all over, but the mother lode is the South of France. Here you'll find roses that are often a combination of syrah, grenache and cinsault grapes, though they can be made from other grapes. Roses from Provence can have a watermelon character, though this depends on drinking the wine when it's fresh.

"The important thing that needs to be said about these wines is they must be drunk young; they do not age well," said David Rosengarten, wine editor of Saveur magazine.

Probably the best-known source of rose wine is the Tavel appellation in the southern Rhone region of France. This appellation makes only rose wines, no red or white. Wines are made in the saignee method to provide a rich, structured wine.

The wines are very dry, sometimes even austere, but "when you find the right dish for it, it's brilliant," says Rosengarten, who likes the combination of artichokes with rose wine.

Spain produces plenty of rose wine, known as rosado. Look for wines from the Rioja region made with the tempranillo grape. And someplace you might not expect to find rose is Greece. "Every year some of my favorite roses come from Greece," said Rosengarten.

In particular, he's a fan of the Kir-Yianni winery rose made from the red wine grape xinomavro (ksee-NO-mavro).

Perhaps you're wondering, will a summer wine that's pretty in pink fly with the grilling set?

"Yes," said Jill Ditmire, who sells a number of rose wines at her Mass Ave. Wine Shoppe & Cafe in Indianapolis. "Real men drink pink wine and some even ask for a second glass."

Among some of her favorites, all under $15, are the Charles & Charles Columbia Valley syrah rose from Washington state, Naire rose from Spain, and Crios de Susana Balbo rose of Malbec.

Oranges add new spirit to vodka

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

Potatoes? Passe. Grains? Groan. Vodka producers these days are exploring new horizons — oranges, anyone? — to make unusual and artisanal vodkas.

"A cocktail's not just a cocktail. It's an experience now, so that demand has called for anything and everything that can be different," said Tammy LaNasa, Dallas-based corporate beverage director for Del Frisco's Restaurant Group, which includes 20 Sullivan's Steakhouses and nine Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouses nationwide.

One of the latest entries in the vodka vanguard is 4 Orange, which is distilled directly from oranges, as opposed to other vodkas where flavoring is added.

The vodka is made from orange molasses that remains after oranges have been juiced. Four different varieties of oranges are used, hence the name, and the result is a clear vodka with a distinct tang of orange.

"The response has been fantastic," said Timo Sutinen, vice president for marketing and business development at Imperial Brands, Inc., which produces 4 Orange Premium Vodka. "When people hear that 4 Orange is made from Florida oranges, they have to taste it. Once they taste it, we have won them over."

The distillery is next to the orange juice plant in Florida and, in a green touch, the leftover mash from the distilling process is sold to local farmers for cattle feed. There's no alcohol in the product but "cows seem to like it," said Sutinen.

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THE RACE IS ON Reporter-Telegram real estate account executive Robin Kingham, right in top left photo, poses with Sarah Cooley, her Team Challenge mentor before the race in Kona, Hawaii. CENTER: Kingham, center, finishes the half-marathon with Jodie DeLay and Barbara Reisinger. RIGHT: Kingham, Krystal Carbone and DeLay relax June 25, after the pre-race workout.

Half-marathon for Crohn's and Colitis Foundation: Life changing

ROBIN KINGHAM

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This column has been the most difficult to write so far. I've just completed a journey that has changed my life completely. I am in awe of what Team Challenge has accomplished and continues to accomplish on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis.

Team Challenge was started by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America in 2007 as a grass roots operation to raise awareness and the dollars necessary to fund research to help find a cure for these two debilitating diseases. It was started to train regular people, people affected by the disease or anyone who wanted to get involved, to be able to complete a half-marathon. I am proof it can be done.

At this year's Kona event there were 11 CCFA chapters represented and 90 participants. The chapters represented were Greater Los Angeles, Greater San Diego, New England, San Francisco, East Bay, Greater New York City, Long Island, N. California Peninsula, South Bay, Seattle and the National Team. The National Team had 14 participants, five of whom were mentors. I learned Kona actually is one of the smaller Team Challenge events because of the amount of money each participant has to raise — $5,600 — and the travel time. The National Team raised $65,000 and the Kona event raised $240,000 so far, with dollars still rolling in for a couple more weeks.

Those are the facts, now I'd like to share my experiences. In order to do that I have two people I'd like to officially thank who I purposely left out of last week's column. First, I'd like to thank my husband, Matt. When I reached the recommitment deadline, I assured him I could raise the needed funds, "No problem, babe!" Then as the weeks rolled by and I was becoming more and more stressed about the possibility I might not reach my commitment, he reassured me and gave me his complete support. It is because of him I can do anything. Thank you Matt, I love you! I'd also like to thank my very dear friend Kate Dominguez. Kate is the person who planted the Team Challenge seed. She sent me a link to Team Challenge via facebook with the caption, "You have to do this!" Thank you, Kate, for planting the seed that ultimately has changed my life, I am eternally grateful.

I arrived in Kona on Friday night, just in time for the National Team meet and greet. All participants joined the pre-race work out Saturday morning lead by the national team coaches, Melissa Spooner and Dave McGovern. We gathered again at 4 p.m. to go over last-minute race details and recognize members of the National Team alumni. Leigh Stein from Pittsburgh has participated in eight Team Challenge races since 2007 and recently has signed up for the new cycle event.

Saturday night was the inspirational pasta party on the lawn with Hula dancers and Hawaiian music. We were inspired by both of our featured speakers, Howard Sosnik from the Long Island Chapter and Olympic Marathon Gold Medalist Frank Shorter. Sunday morning, bright and early, we prepared for the race. There were 1,500 total participants between the marathon, half-marathon, 10k and 5k races.

I walked with Jodie Delay from the National Team and Barbara Reisinger from the Seattle Chapter. They both have participated in several Team Challenge events as runners but were forced to walk in Kona due to medical restrictions. I am very grateful for their doctors' orders because these two women helped get me through the race. Before Kona, the longest distance I completed in training was 6.5 miles. I also was assured by my trainers and several team members who had completed this race before, the course was flat. Well, I can assure you none of these individuals ever have been to West Texas — they don't know what flat is! So being able to walk and talk my way through the rolling hills helped the time fly. They talked to me about their experiences and we cheered on all of the other runners. I was starting to lose steam at about mile No. 11, but they cheered me on.

They also gave me a kick in the butt when necessary. At one point I heard, "We are finishing this race together, so you better get your booty up here!" How could I argue with that? We finished the race together, holding hands running across the finish line. We finished in just more than three hours; I think the time was three hours and 13 minutes. I didn't grab the time card because to me the fact I finished, that I even started the race, is an unbelievable achievement.

There was the after-party celebrating all of our successes. I got to spend time with the team of four from Oklahoma: Clayton Smith, Chris Dunaway, Amanda Wilkes and Diane Walden. These four were on my plane trip into Kona from LAX, sitting right across the aisle. We shared a shuttle to the hotel. We sat together at breakfast Saturday morning and decided to spend the day exploring Kona. We were together for the inspirational pasta party and the after-after party. Our rooms were even next door to each other. They are the kind of people you meet you know will be friends for a long time.

My mentor, Sarah Cooley, and I shared the trip back to the mainland together, all the way to Dallas.

This experience has made me a different person, a better person. I encourage all of you to find something you love, something that moves you and volunteer. Do you love animals? Volunteer to walk the puppies at the Midland SPCA. Do you love people? Volunteer to deliver for Meal on Wheels. Do you love the arts or history? Take action! Your life will become full of light, love and happiness.

There is a song that plays on Air One occasionally. From this song there is one line that plays again and again in my head. This line has become a kind of mantra for me, "This is your life, are you who you want to be?" Think about it. Are you who you want to be?

DR. STEPHEN PONDER

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Diabetes care requires can-do attitude, trusted team, sense of humor

Diabetes can be a cruel disease for those unable or unwilling to fight back. While we have incredible technological and pharmaceutical weapons to help us combat diabetes, our fate rests largely in our own hands to use these tools wisely. Let me share several personal traits or habits I've found that enable any diabetic to succeed.

With diabetes, you must own the disease. If you prefer to direct blame everywhere but toward yourself, chances are your diabetes is not that well controlled. I'm the first to tell my patients as a diabetes doctor I don't manage their diabetes — they do. I work with a phenomenal group of diabetes coaches (better known as diabetes educators), but it's always the players (the patients) who determine the outcome.

A can-do attitude is a huge asset to a diabetic. Diabetes care will not always go your way. Dealing with frustration and failure without tossing in the towel can be a delicate balancing act, especially if you're a perfectionist by nature and take each mistake as a personal setback. But failure is one key to learning. Far more is learned from our missteps than from our successes. The secret is in not repeating the same diabetes care mistake over and over again.

A diabetic is part of a team. While you're always responsible for your actions, you should identify a team you consider as trusted advisors. This ideally begins with your diabetes doctor, your diabetes educator, your dietitian and of course friends and family. No diabetic is an island and to attempt to manage it alone is a recipe for disaster.

A good foundation of diabetes knowledge is your best ammunition against diabetes and its complications. The ignorant become the most handicapped by diabetes. By ignorant, I don't mean lacking IQ. There are many highly intelligent, but ignorant people. Ignorant simply means lacking in knowledge. You must seek out knowledge aggressively from reputable sources. Burying your head in the sand is the ticket to a short life with diabetes. Knowledge truly is power to manage diabetes.

Become a student of diabetes and learn as much as you can, any way you can. As much as I know about diabetes, I realize I never will know it all. That doesn't frustrate me; it challenges me to seek more knowledge. In doing so, I become a better controlled diabetic.

Learn to laugh at yourself and find humor in stressful situations. This may be the hardest thing to do for many of us. In general, a good laugh each day (or more) has been shown to have benefits to the health of diabetics and non-diabetics alike. Face it; diabetes may put us in awkward or uncomfortable situations at times. Work on developing your ability to see the humor in this. It can develop into a great internal stress reliever!

And finally, deep down I feel God challenged me and my family with diabetes and allowed me to find my own solution to dealing with it. Hopefully, I won't know how I've done on my lifetime assignment for a while. But I do hope I'll get an "A" for effort. And in the end, that's what it's all about: how much effort do you want to put into your diabetes?

Learn and master these traits and you truly will be an empowered diabetic. Over my 45 years of living with this condition, these are the attributes of those who I've seen triumph over diabetes.

Pre-clinical stage changes life with Alzheimer's for patients, caretakers

By Steven Slon
Hearst Newspapers

This past spring, the National Institute on Aging and the Alzheimer's Association announced a new pre-clinical stage of Alzheimer's disease, marking the first change in the definition of the illness in 27 years. The announcement grows out of evidence plaques and tangles characteristic of Alzheimer's Disease begin to form in the brain years before the patient shows any symptoms. The new definition raises the tantalizing possibility of developing treatments that could delay or halt the progression of the illness before the brain is compromised. BeClose.com spoke with Dr. William Thies, chief medical and scientific officer for the Alzheimer's Association, about the impact of this new definition both today and in the future.

Q: If there are no symptoms, why is it important to identify this very early phase of Alzheimer's?

A: There is the feeling in the field that by the time someone has become demented, it's too late to treat them. What we're beginning to see is the evolution of a picture that is a lot like that of other diseases with a long onset. For example, at one time, people defined heart attack as the event that happened when the coronary artery was blocked. But the real success in treatment came when it was realized that the pathology for heart attack appeared many years before a heart attack occurred. We now know that if you treat the sclerosis that underlies the problem, you can prevent a heart attack from ever occurring.

Q: Can you get tested for pre-clinical Alzheimer's at this point?

A: No, you can't go to your local doc and say, I'd like to get this particular cerebro-spinal fluid test; it's just not commercially available. That said, it may be possible that amyloid imaging, which is a way of using a PET scanner to take a picture of the amount of beta amyloid in an individual's brain, will become publicly available in a relatively short period of time. A few months maybe. However, for consumers, there's no point in doing the testing unless there are good treatment options.

Q: What are some of the most promising avenues of research into future treatments?

A: Many of the therapies being tested have the potential to limit the accumulation of beta amyloid. This is a polypeptide chain that exists naturally in the brain, but develops two extra amino acids as some people age. This substance starts to accumulate in the brain. We know from experiments that beta amyloid is toxic to brain cells. Many feel that if you could limit that accumulation of toxin, you could limit the course of Alzheimer's disease.

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Research suggests children who spend time outside are happier, healthier

BURR WILLIAMS

Burr Williams is executive director of Sibley Nature Center.

Many kids have become video game zombies and television addicts who spend the summer inside. Their minds and muscles atrophy, and they have no exciting experiences to recount.

Kids who go outside and explore and catch critters and endure heat and mesquite scratches are living life to the fullest. Kids who explore and interact with all of that supposedly scary stuff do better in school, are happier and are in better health.

Tuesday through Friday, Michael Nickell — the Sibley Nature Center's artist, museum specialist, entomologist and martial arts expert — will lead the bravest, smartest and toughest kids in town on four days of adventure from 9 a.m. to noon. Students entering fourth, fifth or sixth grade this fall are eligible. There will be another course Aug. 8-11. Cost is $50 for Sibley members and $80 for non-members. For more information contact Michael at Sibley Nature Center, 684-6827. Registration forms are available online at www.sibleynaturecenter.org/index.html.

Doctors now are writing prescriptions for kids to go outside. In Santa Clara, Calif., Kaiser Permanente clinic pediatrician Charles Owyang already has written 67 prescriptions to the Don Edwards Preserve, an urban nature enclave in the San Francisco Bay Area. Owyang also teaches other doctors about studies that show outdoor activities have intellectual and emotional benefits, too — brightening kids' moods, sharpening their concentration and cutting down on stress.

The Children and Nature Network (C&NN) website www.childrenandnature.org has an extensive bibliography of related articles. Eduardo Sanchez, M.D., vice president and chief medical officer with Blue Cross BlueShield of Texas, and Nancy Herron, outdoor programs director for Texas Parks and Wildlife, have teamed up to give presentations nationwide on the subject.

"The connection to nature starts locally," Herron said. The goal is to increase youth resilience, confidence and self-esteem through more time spent in nature. She said C&NN is making progress with outreach efforts to engage the health community and she referred to new research compilations covering health and education benefits with the goal of making "healthier, happier, smarter children."

"The outdoors boosts problem-solving skills, focus and self-discipline. Socially, it improves cooperation, flexibility and self-awareness. Emotional benefits include reduced aggression and increased happiness. Children will be smarter, better able to get along with others, healthier and happier when they have regular opportunities for free and unstructured play in the out-of-doors," concluded one authoritative study published by the American Medical Association in 2005.

New research extends the benefits to society when children have ongoing, direct experiences in nature. The route to active concern for the environment as an adult, according to these studies, is to spend a childhood experiencing "wild nature." Unstructured, independent play in nature creates the strongest attachment. But just as crucial to the nature-child connection, according to this research, is "a mentoring adult" who teaches a child respect for nature.

The couch-potato culture has led not only to epidemic obesity but also to mental health problems, said Dr. William Bird, founder of the United Kingdom's Green Gym movement and an adviser to the British Department of Health.

"The human race has survived in the natural world for 10,000 generations. Disconnecting from our habitual environment challenges our sense of identity and is a significant factor in problems including childhood depression, stress and antisocial behavior," he said.

In children age 5-10, one boy in 10 and one girl in 18, has a diagnosed mental health disorder. More than 40,000 children now use antidepressants — a sharp rise over the past five years, Bird said. Children under 12 who have contact with nature, particularly wild nature, gain "a sense of freedom that creates a source of independence and inner strength that can be drawn upon for the rest of their lives," he said. All children's behavior benefits significantly after playing in a natural environment, and the symptoms of ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) improve threefold.

Is there a doctor in Midland who will write a prescription that says, "Go outside"?

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BUG CAMP 2010 Noah Stice, 9, and Blake Morgan, 10, look for insects to catch and identify last year at Sibley Nature Center Bug Camp.

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serve to raise or lower parental angst, depending on whether they see smiles or sad faces.

"And they'll be right on the phone," he said. "Parents are so connected these days. Camp professionals themselves are starting to see less and less usefulness out of something like visitor day, and maybe more and more disruption."

Parents aside, can kids do without visitors day? "Yeah, they could absolutely do without it," said Marla Coleman, a past president of the ACA who operates a day camp in Long Island. "Camp becomes like this private world for a child where they get to live in an environment where they're not connected to their parents at all times, but they do like to show their parents what they're experiencing, how they're getting better at certain activities, how they're making good friends, so they're proud, too."

Thurber, Coleman and others in the industry offer these tips for parents to help make visitors day a highlight rather than a hassle:

Arrival and departure: Don't be late. Nothing can kill a camper's spirit faster than scanning the horizon for his tardy parents as reunions are happening all around.

Don't linger at departure time. "It's hard for kids to expect one thing and get another," Thurber said. "Don't leave them wondering, 'I thought my parents had to go at 4, so why are they still here?'"

Parents aren't always great at goodbyes, Coleman said. "Be upbeat and happy. Wear sunglasses if you have to. You can say, 'I'm glad that you're having a great time. It was so great to see you here.' Keep it short and sweet and don't get overly emotional and clingy."

Don't bring armloads of stuff: "The kids don't like being overindulged," Coleman said. "They feel uncomfortable about it. Extravagance doesn't fit into the camp environment. It doesn't feel right. They've spent a whole summer connecting with nature, learning to be with friends. They don't need it and there's no room in the bunk anyway to put all the junk."

Know the rules: Camp consultant Jill Tipograph suggests double-checking the camp's lunch policy. Will lunch be served, or do parents bring a picnic lunch? Are there food restrictions on camp grounds due to allergies or candy bans?

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What has happened to education in the "petroplex?" What programs were recently cut by the Texas Legislature and what will be the long range impact of those cuts? What is the present "state of education?" These and other pertinent questions will be discussed on Thursday, August 4, at 7:00 p.m. in UTPB's Library Lecture Hall 001. Questions will also be taken from the audience. The featured guests will be the superintendents of Odessa, Midland, and Big Spring Independent School Districts--Hector Mendez, Dr. Ryder Warren, and Steven Saldivar respectively.

This is the third Shepperd Town Hall Series focusing on the strengths uniting the cities of the Permian Basin. E-mail questions to theinstitute@utpb.edu. With the deep budget cuts facing public schools across Texas, this event is free to the public (no ticket required).

Come join us for an enlightening evening for taxpayers, students, and parents—anyone interested in the future of education in Texas. For more information, contact the Shepperd Institute at 432-552-2850.

Graduate Program on Autism & Disabilities Begins

Fourteen students began work this summer on their online master's degree, and a UTPB Certificate in Autism and Developmental Disabilities in Early Childhood. Their program is being funded by a four-year grant totaling $1,065,396 from the U.S. Department of Education. In all, 30 highly qualified teachers enrolled in graduate studies will be recruited, paid a stipend, and prepared to serve infants, toddlers, and young children with disabilities who come from both linguistically and culturally diverse settings.

Most of these initial students are actively engaged in special education classrooms, and many are located in other school districts across Texas. They learned about UTPB's new program through their regional education centers and are anxious to become "the best teachers we can be," according to Alex Smith, a UTPB alumnus with a bachelor's in kinesiology. After just two weeks of classes, Smith said, "I am really excited about the program because they are providing us with the opportunity to advance our skills." He wants to teach in either ECISD or MISD eventually.

Paola Atemis from Donna, TX, earned her BA in Psychology from UT Pan American and obtained her certification for teaching children with special needs. She has been at Jorge Rolando Gutierrez Early Childhood School in neighboring Ed Couch/Elsa ISD since 2008. She plans to complete her master's during the two-years to take full advantage of the stipend.

Peggy Geisler lives in Columbus, TX and currently teaches four children with autism, two with Down Syndrome, and two with intellectual disabilities ranging from K-5th grade at Columbus Elementary. A former kindergarten teacher, she says she's always wanted to obtain her master's degree even though her school district does not pay extra. Her students are at different levels, she says, so she is constantly challenged to work in life skills like cleaning, cooking, grocery shopping, and socialization among lessons in math, English language arts, science, and social studies. This program's focus on early childhood made it more attractive than one she investigated at the University of North Texas.

This new UTPB graduate degree program is tailor made for these students, and the scope and breadth of training UTPB graduates will bring to youngsters with autism and developmental disabilities will be underscored by a UTPB Summer Institute July 14-15. Dr. Sherry Vinson from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and Dr. Patrician Evans from Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas will present information on current research and other topics, including the biology of autism, diagnoses and management, and the genetics of autism.

For more information about this program or the conference, contact Dr. Karen Smith, professor of special education and assistant vice president for graduate studies and sponsored research, at 432-552-2530 or by e-mail at smith_k@utpb.edu.

Faculty Feature: Shawn Watson Creates Drama on Campus

Dr. Shawn Watson made the pilgrimage from Ohio University to UTPB to teach dramatic literature and develop a theater minor for the campus. Twenty-one years later, she is still passionate about presenting plays by classic and contemporary playwrights, and she has a penchant for developing new courses. Currently, she is chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts and wears many hats in the Founders' Theatre on south campus.

Her "Horse Play(s)" (ENG 3389/DRAMA 4379) was a Maymester offering this year. As an equestrian (with a brand new foal), she realized that plays about horses offered "a wonderful introduction to the history of theater from the 19th century to the present." Plays included *Equus* by Peter Shaffer; as well as an American work, *Pure Confidence* by Carlyle Brown, which focused on the relationship between a Southern gentleman and an African-American jockey at the time of the Civil War. *Kicking a Dead Horse* by Pulitzer-prize winning playwright and Oscar-nominated actor Sam Shepard, gave students a glimpse into ways that humans use their relationships with horses to discuss people and politics. Class projects ran the gamut from a head sculpture representing the horses in *Equus* to a model built of the set of the 1906 New York Idea.

She's teaching a melodrama course this summer which traces the development of the genre from France to Britain and America. In the fall, she's developed a graduate online course which will be entirely devoted to Hamlet and its critics, actors, and directors. She previously published a paper on that play, as well as one on Shakespeare's problem comedies.

Which brings her full circle to the theatre: each fall she holds open auditions for technical and directorial duties as well as acting skills. UTPB students selected can qualify for $1,000/semester scholarships. Based upon the talent available, Dr. Watson chooses a play to perform each semester. "Since academic theatre exists to bring new or unknown plays to the stage, I try to produce a play that hasn't been done locally (like *How I Learned to Drive*), or a play like *Trouble in Mind* by Alice Childress. In 1994, we inaugurated Founders' Theatre with the classic, *Waiting for Godot*, and this summer we staged Pulitzer-prize winner Marsha Norman's '*Night, Mother*," Watson remarked.

"The recent theatre renovations--including a curtain and new lighting system--will give UTPB students more hands-on opportunities backstage and a more valuable technical theatre experience. It will also help us do justice to the wonderful scripts we get to produce," she concluded.

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PET POINTERS

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Snake bites always should be considered emergencies

It's West Texas, it's summer time and you know they are out there. The Permian Basin is growing, new houses and wells are going in every day, and this upsets many of the creatures that inhabit this dry climate.

Rattlesnakes are a prime example and as they move around looking for a good place to keep cool they inevitably will come in contact with man and his best friends. According to veterinary equipment and supply company Red Rock Biologics, approximately 150,000 dogs and cats are bitten annually in the United States by venomous snakes. Texas has approximately 10 rattlesnake species and subspecies, more than any other state except Arizona. The most common species is the western diamondback. Rattlesnakes are pit vipers with very toxic venom that can cause severe pain, swelling, blood and tissue damage and even death if you or your pet is bitten.

If your pet is bitten by a rattlesnake it is considered an emergency and it is imperative the animal be seen by a veterinarian as soon as possible. If you suspect your pet has been bitten by a snake, try to keep it as calm as possible with very little movement to help decrease the spread of venom through the circulatory system.

Dogs and cats are bitten more frequently on the head and forelimbs. Clinical signs of a snake bites are intense swelling and pain around the bite. You also can see bleeding from the puncture wounds as well as tissue bruising because most venom contains a hemotoxin that attacks red blood cells and prevents blood clotting. Treatment for a rattlesnake bite can be quite expensive and can include intensive care hospitalization with IV fluid therapy, antivenin, antibiotics, steroids and possibly even surgery.

Red Rock Biologics has developed a rattlesnake vaccine designed to stimulate a dog's immune system to produce antibodies against snake venom. There currently is no vaccine for cats. These antibodies will help lessen the reaction your dog may have if bitten by a snake. Once bitten, a vaccinated dog has several advantages over non-vaccinated dogs including less pain, tissue sloughing, swelling and a faster recovery period.

Red Rock Biologics' current vaccine is manufactured to protect against the western diamondback, but due to the similarities in venom it has proven effective against the sidewinder, timber rattlesnake, massasauga and the copperhead. This vaccine provides partial protection against the eastern diamondback rattlesnake. However, because not all snakes have the same type of venom the vaccine is not effective against the water moccasin (cottonmouth), Mojave rattlesnake or coral snakes. Coral snakes and water moccasins are reported to have less damaging venom, but the Mojave rattlesnake venom contains a potent neurotoxin which makes the effect of a bite considerably more severe.

The vaccine is recommended for any dog living in a high-risk geographic region such as Texas. It also is advised for dogs that accompany their owners on hikes, camping trips, hunting excursions or are in any way at risk of coming in contact with a rattlesnake. This applies to almost everyone in the Permian Basin. Snake training is a good way to help your pet identify a snake and know to leave it alone, but it is not fool-proof. Also, many of the bites we see happen in populated areas, especially in subdivisions that border outlying areas where the snake's habitat has been disturbed.

It should be noted vaccines are not 100 percent effective, and if a vaccinated dog is bitten it still is considered an emergency. The dog should be seen by your veterinarian as soon as possible for appropriate treatment.

Living in West Texas, the biggest question is not should my dog be vaccinated, but how often should they get a booster because the effectiveness of the vaccine will diminish over time.

According to Red Rock Biologics, "The first time your dog is vaccinated, we recommend an initial vaccine injection followed by a booster dose about one month later. The recommended subsequent boostering schedule of one, two or three vaccine doses per year depends upon your dog's anticipated exposure to rattlesnakes and the size of your dog."

Talk with your veterinarian about rattlesnake vaccines for your pet and discuss with them how often they should be boostered. Remember venomous snake bites are always an emergency. Try to keep your pet calm and get it to your veterinarian as soon as you can.

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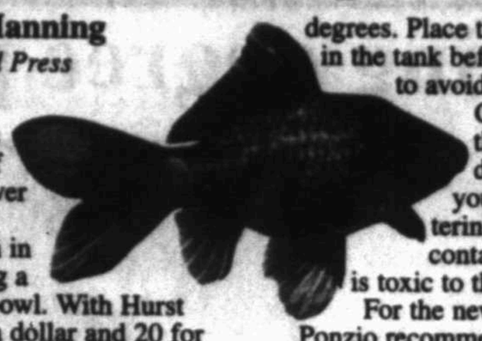
Goldfish can live long, healthy lives with proper care

By Sue Manning
Associated Press



LOS ANGELES — Don Hurst figures he's given away millions of goldfish at carnivals over the last 25 years.

Fair-goers win a fish in a plastic bag by tossing a ping pong ball into a bowl. With Hurst selling balls eight for a dollar and 20 for $2, the chances of winning are pretty good.

Hurst thinks most of the fish he hands out make it home. But how long they live after that depends on how they are cared for, with optimal conditions including a tank with a cover, the right type of water, a filtration system and sunlight.

Pete Ponzio, president of the American Goldfish Association, says even the trip home can be harmful. Bouncing around in those little plastic bags can produce stressful vibrations that break down immune systems and cause disease, he explained.

Water is the next problem. Putting a goldfish in chlorinated tap water, bottled or distilled water, or water that is too acidic or alkaline, can be deadly, Ponzio said.

Ponzio recommends buying a solution at a pet store to remove chlorine, add nutrients and minerals, or measure acidity.

Ideal water temperature is about 70 degrees. Place the goldfish in its bag in the tank before releasing the fish to avoid more stress.

Goldfish, members of the carp family, produce a lot of waste, so you also will need a filtering system. The waste contains ammonia, which is toxic to them.

For the new goldfish owner, Ponzio recommends a 2- to 5-gallon plastic aquarium kit with a filter, air pump and chlorine remover, which will run about $30. But systems range from expensive deluxe power filters that perform mechanical, chemical and biological filtration, to cheap sponge filters that allow bacteria to colonize and do the work.

Change 10 percent of the fish's water each week. You don't have to move the fish, he said.

Goldfish are notorious for jumping out of their bowls, so make sure your tank is covered, or cover the bowl with a net.

"Putting one in a bowl or pond is a suicide waiting to happen," Ponzio said.

Putting a second fish in the bowl also can keep them from jumping out. "They need buddies," he said.

Goldfish need natural sunlight, too, or their colors will fade, Ponzio said.

Ponzio feeds his fish once a day — either flakes or pellets. Freeze-dried worms, brine shrimp, beef heart or algae are always welcome snacks, he said.

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Nursing degree provides career diversification

Observation, assessment and care—those are the skills that Shannon Kennedy says one must possess to be a neonatal nurse. The newborns in the nursery at Midland Memorial Hospital's (MMH) West Campus can't speak for themselves; thankfully, they have Kennedy to be their advocate. She has been working as a registered nurse in the nursery since she graduated from Midland College's (MC) associate degree nursing program and obtained her license in 2005.

Shannon Kennedy gives first bath to one of her patients born just two hours earlier.

However, Kennedy was observing and assessing creatures even before she took her first nursing class. And, nursing is not her first degree by any means! Before deciding that caring for newborns was her calling, Kennedy was taking care of animals. "I graduated from Midland High School in 1991 and then went to LSU [Louisiana State University] where I obtained a bachelor's degree in animal science," explains Kennedy. "The entire time I was at LSU, I was dating my high school sweetheart, and I moved back to Midland to get married."

In Midland, she found that there were very few career opportunities for someone with a degree in animal science, so she enrolled in MC's veterinary technology program and obtained an associate's degree in veterinary technology. Kennedy says, "Like babies, animals can't speak for themselves."

By the time she began working in Midland as a registered veterinary technician, Kennedy and her husband had a son, and the family relied upon her income to help make ends meet. Also, she wanted the opportunity for career advancement, wanted medical insurance and needed a set schedule so that she could care for her young family. So, she went to MC for a second time, and that's when she got her nursing degree.

"My job is very rewarding, and I love working for Midland Memorial Hospital," says Kennedy. She works part time—three days a week from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She says that this schedule allows her to be available for her children. (Her son is 9, and she also has a 5-year-old daughter.) In addition to taking care of the newborns, Kennedy's responsibilities also include interacting with and educating the mothers about caring for their babies. Kennedy states, "Nursing has opened lots of avenues for me. Nurses can diversify into so many different areas."

> *"Nurses can diversify into so many different areas."*
> *– Shannon Kennedy*

One of these avenues for Kennedy is being a nurse at a children's summer camp. For one month every summer, MMH allows her to take time off to attend Camp Champions near Marble Falls with her children. "This is a nice change of pace from hospital nursing, but I am still able to use my nursing skills and make some money while enjoying the beautiful Texas Hill Country," explains Kennedy. She and her husband first became involved with Camp Champions as camp counselors. Then, when Kennedy became a registered nurse, she continued to spend a month every summer at the camp working as a nurse.

Kennedy now has found even another way to diversify. In October 2010, JoAnne Enderson, a friend and fellow nurse, encouraged Kennedy to enroll in MC's new online HITECH Electronic Health Records (EHR) program, which she completed in May. The HITECH program is part of a nationwide effort to get healthcare records into electronic format (see related story below). "JoAnne was interested in the program and wanted me to take it, also, so that we could give each other moral support," explains Kennedy. "Since this is a grant program, the tuition is completely reimbursable, so I figured I didn't have anything to lose."

Having completed the program, Kennedy now has the skills necessary for serving as a clinician/practitioner consultant for healthcare facilities converting to electronic records. Kennedy currently serves on MMH's informatics council, but says that at this time, she has no plans for leaving neonatal nursing. However, the additional EHR credential is just another way she is using her MC nursing degree to expand her skills and be more marketable in the rewarding field of nursing.

Training for America's changing healthcare industry

HITECH

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, within five years an interoperable framework will be available for healthcare agencies, providers and patients nationwide to share health information electronically across the Internet. Midland College (MC) is on the forefront in providing training for implementation of these electronic health records (EHRs). In April 2010, Midland College received a $1,008,881 grant to create non-degree training programs in health information technology.

MC's program, entitled HITECH, includes online training for healthcare professionals and information technology professionals throughout a large portion of Texas and all of New Mexico. Melinda Teel, director of MC's health information technology program, says that nationwide more than 50,000 jobs are needed to meet the federal mandate requiring all practitioners, clinics and hospitals to have EHRs by 2015.

Teel states that once implemented, EHRs will enable all Americans to access their healthcare records from a home computer using a personal identification number (PIN). She further explains, "Let's say you live in Midland and go hiking in Colorado. You fall and get hurt. Your health record can immediately be accessed by a Colorado hospital. Chances are your health record will be at the hospital before the ambulance can get you there!"

The federal training grant is enabling MC to offer the HITECH certificate program at a tuition rate of $400. No textbook is required because all the information is online. Once students have successfully completed the program, 100 percent of the $400 tuition is reimbursed through the grant. Teel says that plans are to continue with the program, perhaps even incorporating it into a credit program, after the grant expires in fall 2011, but tuition reimbursement is only available through the life of the grant. Since the program began in April 2010, MC has offered seven HITECH online courses and currently has 110 students enrolled, not only from Texas and New Mexico, but also from states as far away as California, New York, Maryland and South Carolina. Before the grant ends this coming fall, MC is planning to offer three more classes with start dates of July 6, September 5 and September 30.

HITECH Student Support Coordinator Jennifer Goolsby explains that the class was developed to be completed in six months. She says that students should expect to spend approximately 15 hours each week working on the online course material. At the end of the six-month program, students are eligible to sit for a national competency exam. "Once students have completed the program and passed the competency exam, they will find a variety of jobs available in assessing software needs and implementing the EHR systems," explains Goolsby. She states that annual starting salaries in the Permian Basin range from $37,000 to $64,000.

President George W. Bush created the EHR program in 2003. Currently, physicians are receiving incentive payments to convert their records into electronic format. And apparently, the American healthcare industry is definitely taking advantage of these monetary incentives. The *Federal Times* reports that thirty percent of private care physicians nationwide used electronic records in 2010, which was up from 20 percent a year earlier.

The conversion of records into electronic format requires purchase of hardware and software equipment. Physicians and healthcare facilities will be relying on EHR experts to analyze their current system, advise them on the purchase of an electronic system and implement the new system. After 2014, physicians will be penalized for not converting. Goolsby explains that even after 2014, EHR experts will still be needed to troubleshoot and update systems, so there is definitely potential for making this a viable career.

The HITECH program at MC is strictly geared for those professionals already in the fields of information technology, health information technology or healthcare. "We have a lot of nurses in the program," says Melinda Teel. "They already know about information contained in health records; they understand what is needed for a health record and can communicate with physicians from a healthcare perspective. The program provides them with information about computer technology. On the other hand, the HITECH program for information technology professionals provides information about healthcare. It's a wonderful bridge for cross training and an opportunity to understand the 'other side' of the healthcare industry!"

More information can be found at ***www.midland.edu/hitt*** or call (432) 685-6891.

BRIEFLY

Midland College will be closed Friday, July 1, through Monday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Holiday. Classes will resume and offices will re-open at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 5. Have a wonderful and safe Fourth of July!

YOGA BOOTCAMP

Guaranteed to challenge bodies and calm minds! All fitness levels are welcome. Materials required: Comfortable, moveable clothing. Mats and props are provided. The course meets on Saturdays July 9-30 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Midland College Physical Education Building, Multipurpose Room. Course fee is $30.

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NEW LOOK on the menu

Schlotzsky's store in Midland and Odessa recently remolded their stores with new counters, floors, and kitchenâÂôs have been closed off from public view. The point of the renovations is to create restaurants that are more set up for service instead of fast food.

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NAMES *in the news*

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TRAVIS REED of Monahans, a Permian Basin Frito-Lay associated, was recently honored as one of PepsiCo's top sales performers worldwide with induction into the PepsiCo President's Ring of Honor.

He was one of only 224 associates, from the more than 85,000-member global PepsiCo sales force team to win the honor this year. The winners represented 51 countries and 29 different languages.

Weaver Merges with Midland office

Weaver, the largest independent certified public accounting firm in the Southwest, announces the merger with the Midland office of Killman, Murrell & Company, P.C.,effective July 1, 2011.

"We are pleased to have the Midland location of Killman, Murrell & Company join Weaver. Wayne Murrell has many years of oil and gas industry knowledge and extensive experience providing clients with tax, accounting and advisory services," said Larry Edgerton, CPA, CVA and Midland and Odessa executive partner for Weaver. "This enhances the services the firm can offer to the Midland and Odessa business community, and we look forward to having Wayne and his staff as part of Weaver."

Founded in 1987 in Odessa, Killman, Murrell & Companyis a regional accounting firm that provides audit, accounting, tax planning and preparation, advisory and due diligence services.

Murrell joins the firm as a partner in Weaver's Tax and Strategic Business Services practice. He and his team will be located in the firm"s Midland office at 400 West Illinois, Suite 1550.

Texas Mutual adds network providers in West Texas

AUSTIN — Texas Mutual Insurance Company announces the addition of West Texas Orthopedics to the Texas Star Network — Texas Mutual's workers' compensation health care network option for policyholders.

West Texas Orthopedics is the largest orthopedic group in the Midland and Odessamarkets, with six surgeons and three locations that provide a full range oforthopedic services. Treatment includes sports medicine, conservative management of orthopedic injuries and problems, total joint reconstruction, and surgery of the shoulder, knee, spine, hand,

Schlotzsky's remodels West Texas stores, aims for service

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

The leaders at Schlotzsky's want Midlanders to think of their restaurants as more than just fast food joints.

When they started evaluating their stores, though, they realized there were some barriers to communicating that desired image. So they started to tweak things. Two years later, they now have only the finishing touches left to add and say they're hopeful the changes will highlight the quality of their food that they say always has been present.

"This remodel is the last step in going to that level," said Robert Kuhns, supervisor of operations for the Midland, Odessa and San Angelo stores. "We want this to be a lot more comfortable than just a fast food set up."

Kuhns said the idea of going more modern and integrating new designs within the restaurants is something that has taken place companywide. Within each franchise, owners were then able to decide how far they wanted to take the remodel concept.

In West Texas, franchise owner Chuck Wood wanted to start with service.

Before changing the look of the restaurants, he trained staff in a new way of service. Instead of calling out names when sandwiches are finished, staff began to deliver meals. Employees also check on customers and offer to refill drinks or clear plates if it appears a family is done.

Though slight differences, Kuhns said, it was the first step toward making the sandwich shops feel like a place to relax rather than just a spot to grab a quick bite.

"(It's) taking care of people who walk through the door," he said. "Why not take them service? What holds us back?"

About a year ago he also started updating the look. At the Andrews Highway store, new floors were installed, new tables and chairs brought in and new paint added. A drink station was moved and a wall shifted in order to cover up the kitchen area and prevent people from having to watch their food being made. Counters also were replaced and the register system updated.

"It's just kind of to create more of a restaurant atmosphere," he said.

With the old designs and colors used throughout the stores, customers often associated Schlotzsky's with an Italian sandwich restaurant, Kuhns said. Now, the chain has integrated circles throughout its design and created a sort of tag line by pulling "lotz" out of the store name so it could create a theme in each restaurant. Food, for example, is described as "lotz" better and the phrase included in signage. In some stores, countertops were even crafted into circles to match up with the design, which not coincidentally is the same shape as each sandwich's bun.

"The Original" sandwich is still the most popular at the chain, Kuhns said. Each of its products contain homemade ingredients, which is part of why Schlotzsky's wanted any decorative elements to tie in with the food.

Going forward, Schlotzsky's is looking toward expansion.

Between Houston, San Antonio and central Texas, eight new stores are planned, spokeswoman Katie Henry said.

The restaurants, being opened by Sac-N-Pac, will be connected to "non-traditional interstate/convenience stores."

While declining to elaborate where and when, Kuhns said he's hopeful of adding a new store in the West Texas region as well.

Typically new Schlotzsky's locations are based around the same concept as the store on Wadley Avenue in that they're based on the tri-brand concept and feature Carvel and Cinnabon along with Schlotzsky's sandwiches.

Kuhns said any changes made have been meant to emphasize they're there to serve customers.

"We're taking more of a people approach," Kuhns said. "We're glad to have you here."

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BUSINESS SCENE

Midland Nails & Spa settles into old Merle Norman location

MELLA MCEWEN
Reporter-Telegram oil editor

Just opened in the former Merle Norman location in Midland Plaza Shopping Center at 3001 W. Loop 250 is MIDLAND NAILS & SPA.

Owner Cat Cook promises the full-service nail salon is 100 percent sanitary, including sanitary tubs and placing new tub liners and paper liners on headrests so each customer has a clean chair every time.

The salon offers complete nail care, including gel nails, solar nails, nail art, gel polish and more. Also available is permanent makeup by an artist who comes from Houston and specializes in eyebrows, eye liner and lip liner. On the menu of services, too, are eye lash and eye brow tinting. Midland Nails also offers three different kinds of facials and full-body waxing. "As a special bonus," Cook said, "we have two wonderful full-body massage chairs that will relax you and put you to sleep!"

Spa manager Quincy Vo said appointments are available and walk-ins are welcome.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Information is available and appointments can be made by calling 699-4823.

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Preparing to move is PERMIAN ABSTRACT, which expects to be settled into its new location at 2101 W. Wadley in the westernmost part of the former Drexel Heritage showroom in Plaza Oaks Shopping Center by July 18.

Owner Harris Kerr said the move comes in response to customer convenience issues. "We've had increasing numbers of people tell us that they did not like coming downtown, due to the traffic," he said. "We spent a good deal of time trying to find the best location, and we know Plaza Oaks will be convenient for everyone."

The new location will give Permian Abstract slightly more space than they had downtown. Landmen will still be able to access the Ward and Midland County land libraries that were in the downtown location.

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Briefly stopping company match to cut debt pays off in the end/2F

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Make the most of your one-stop shopping trip

By Michelle Chapman
Associated Press

Paul Sakuma/AP

A shopper enters the check-out line June 3 at Costco in Mountain View, Calif. Buying larger sizes can also help; just be sure the bigger box of cereal, package of toilet paper or bag of dog food actually costs less per ounce or count, and don't ever buy more than you can use before a product will go stale.

If high gas prices and the sputtering economic recovery have forced you to limit your shopping and visit only one store per trip, you're not alone.

There's still a chance that running from store to store will net you the most overall savings, especially if you are buying large quantities of lots of different items. But you're more likely to save by checking shopping blogs, signing up for retailers' tweets, emails and Facebook deals and — yes — clipping traditional coupons.

Here's a practical guide for one-stop shopping for groceries and other basics.

■ KEEP WATCH: The blog at www.afullcup.com publicizes deals at pharmacies, restaurants and other retailers, while the site www.mygrocerydeals.com lets you compare ads for some local grocers. And smart phone applications like Coupon Sherpa help you find coupons for various stores, while www.GroceryGadgets.com offers an app that lets you make shopping lists and shows product prices.

"Blogs allow shoppers to share savings information such as which stores are offering exceptional values that week or what types of new savings programs specific to stores have launched and how to take full advantage of them," says Jon Hauptman, a partner at retail consulting firm Willard Bishop LLC.

Some stores offer deals exclusively to email subscribers. So sign up.

"The more loyal you are by being on their email list, the more advance notice you'll get of the best sales," said Bob Phibbs, a consultant, speaker and author who calls himself The Retail Doctor.

With so many online tools to choose from, you may want to circle back to the most traditional information-gathering method of all, word of mouth. Ask friends and family members what works best for them so you can home in on just a few and save time as well as money.

■ LOYALTY PAYS OFF: If you hop from one store to the next depending which has the best bargains, consider hitting the same store frequently instead and see if you can save just as much, or even more.

Stores that track your purchases through such things as loyalty clubs will reward your consistency with coupons and special promotions. Shop Rite recently started a free gas promotion for loyalty club members, while Sears Holdings Corp.'s program allows Kmart and Sears shoppers to earn points that can be used for purchases and layaway transactions.

Regular visits also help in developing relationships with salespeople.

"Better salespeople can tell you why something is on sale and what to avoid if you just allow yourself to listen," Phibbs explains.

■ JOURNAL IT: As you hunt bargains, keep a detailed shopping log, Phibbs suggests. In addition to recording receipts and prices, note how much time you spend on each task, including clipping coupons and surfing the Web for deals, and record your mileage and transit costs. Also record the coupons and rewards points you receive at checkout at the stores where you belong to loyalty programs to determine if you're really saving and whether your trip will bring future benefits.

If the numbers don't add up, reassess your strategy right away. Especially if you live alone or in a small household, it could be that shopping at the closest store will save you the most on the basics, even if its prices aren't rock bottom.

■ AISLE ANALYSIS: Even if you're already armed with coupons and knowledge, keep seeking deals once you get to the store.

As a rule, store brand products are cheaper. But they aren't always, and you should be aware of the differences among these products, which include mainline and economy private-label items, Hauptman says. Mainline private label goods, such as the Kroger brand, can cost 20 percent less than national brands, while economy private labels, such as Kroger Value, can save you 10 percent more. Store brands increasingly offer natural, organic and specialty goods so be sure to look.

Buying larger sizes can also help; just be sure the bigger box of cereal, package of toilet paper or bag of dog food actually costs less per ounce or count, and don't ever buy more than you can use before a product will go stale.

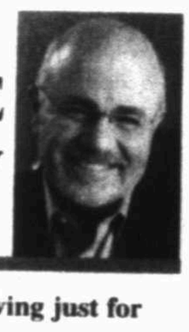
Remember those store displays you're supposed to avoid because they spark impulse purchases? Some may actually be useful, assuming you need the product being promoted. Hauptman says promoted products can cost 15 percent less. Just check the everyday price as well because the same store may sell the same soda for more per can in a deal on 12-packs than it regularly charges per can for a box of 20.

■ KEEP THINKING AHEAD. If a sale on milk is going to last more than a week, you may be able to catch it twice or even three times, for instance.

Hauptman says the best values normally last one or two weeks, while those that last six weeks or more usually provide more modest savings.

DAVE SAYS

Briefly stopping company match to cut debt pays off in the end



DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,
Should I continue to contribute to my 401(k) at work up to the match if I'm still trying to get out of debt?

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Nope! I know, you probably think I've lost my mind on this one. Yeah, I know how important it is to take the match in a situation like that. In fact, it still kind of irks me to have to say these kinds of things. I'm a math nerd, so I really don't like the whole idea of it very much.

But I've learned a few things over the years. One of those things is that personal finance is 80 percent behavior and only about 20 percent head knowledge. And in the short term, the power of passionately focusing and sacrificing deeply to attack your debt will supersede the mathematics involved where your company match is concerned. In other words, if you stop saving temporarily for a year or two, and in that time wipe out your debts, the power you'll gain in being free from those debts will be more beneficial to you than a couple of years of your company match.

I would never tell you to stop investing or doing the company match for 10 years or anything silly like that. But if you stop for just a little while and clean up your mess, then go back to investing for retirement, you'll reap so many more rewards down the road. Not only will you have permanently changed your behavior, but you'll also be able to invest even more for retirement and other things!

—Dave

Dear Dave,
I've tried for years, but I can't convince my husband to plan for tomorrow and stop living just for today. Is there anything I can do?

Candace

Dear Candace,

I hate to say it, but I don't think you can convince him. The essence of your question is this: "How do I get him to grow up?" If he's not willing to delay getting or doing things he wants, that's a sign of immaturity. You guys are probably going to struggle with money as long as he has an attitude of "Thank God, it's Friday! Oh, God! It's Monday…"

Being careful with your money and planning for the future doesn't mean you can't have any fun. It just means you may have to delay certain things for a little while. My wife and I have lots of fun and cool things now. Why? Because we saved like crazy and sacrificed. We lived like no one else, so now we're able to live like no one else. In other words, we paid a price to win.

Your husband's problem is that he's not willing to pay a price for a short period of time. That kind of immature thinking is a one-way ticket to a lifetime of mediocrity. And if you're unwilling to pay the price to win, then you're going to end up paying the price that comes with never having paid the price.

—Dave

THE ECONOMIST

European nations, US have stake in solving the Greek problem

RAY PERRYMAN
The Perryman Group

Headlines are full of bad news about Greece and its crushing debt burden. On each new development, the U.S. stock market swings. Oil prices also tend to move. Since Greece is very small in the global economy, the reaction at times seems outsized. Does what goes on in this relatively tiny corner of Europe make that much difference to the U.S. economy? Given the interconnected nature of the business complex, the answer is that it very well could.

The situation in Greece has been building over a long period of time, with overspending and insufficient fiscal controls contributing to spiraling debt. The economic downturn brought to light significant problems and a lack of compliance with Eurozone standards. Last year, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and European Union (EU) member nations came up with a substantial infusion of funds to stave off a Greek default on condition that austerity measures and a strict program to restore fiscal stability were put in place.

As a potential default again threatens, further funds infusions are needed. An emergency aid package by the IMF and EU nations has been approved pending commitment by Greece to strong reforms. The fear is that a default by Greece could lead to a wave of other defaults sending shockwaves through Europe as well as the rest of the world.

While the aid package will certainly help the

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BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Be cautious of unsolicited energy audit phone calls

TRISH POWELL
Better Business Bureau

Now is the time of year when many people will feel the burn of increased energy bills due to the hot summer weather. But if you receive a phone call from someone offering a free energy audit, you need to be careful and ask a few questions before agreeing to it. BBB offices across the country are hearing from consumers who have been contacted by someone claiming free government money is available to them if they upgrade certain areas of their home.

The callers say the energy audit is completely free, will take just a few minutes to complete and can be done that day. Unfortunately, the consumers who ask for a phone number or other contact information from the caller say they are either hung up on or the caller will not release it to them. Some consumers who agreed to the audits were then given sales pitches for things like radiant heat barriers or other energy conservation products, but at much higher prices than most companies will offer.

Just last month, a telemarketing company in Florida called Unlimited Energy Solutions Inc. was sued by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for making these types of calls to consumers. If you receive an unsolicited phone call, remember to do the following:

■ Always ask who the caller works for and get their contact information. If they won't provide it to you, hang up the phone.

■ Do not give out any personal information. Never give a stranger your Social Security number, credit or debit card information. Last year, over 84,000 people were victims of phone scams because they provided personal information over the phone.

■ Research the company before agreeing to anything. Visit bbb.org to check for complaints and visit the company's website to verify they perform energy conservation services.

Remember, there are federal and state rebates and incentives in place for energy efficient products. If you are interested in finding out what you can take advantage of, visit www.energysavers.gov.

For consumer information, BBB Business Reviews on charities and businesses, to schedule a guest speaker or to file a complaint, visit Better Business Bureau online at www.bbb.org or call 563-0213.

Trish Powell is the Regional Director of Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin.

PERRYMAN

(From 2F)

short-term problem, Greece faces a notable challenge in trying to control its debt. Even with the recent runup in U.S. debt, the ratio of debt to GDP in Greece is well over twice as high as that of the U.S. and also well above those of most of its European neighbors. A handful of countries have even higher ratios (Japan, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Lebanon, and Zimbabwe), but they are not part of an integrated currency system. The "domino" risk occurs because (1) some other members of the European Union (such as Italy and Belgium) are also at levels considered dangerous in unstable markets and (2) the interconnected global financial markets could retrench in response to the risk posed by the default of a single country.

European nations have a significant stake in ensuring the Greek government finds a way to deal with fiscal issues. As the IMF noted in a recent statement, "With deeply intertwined fiscal and financial problems, failure to undertake decisive action could rapidly spread the tensions to the core of the euro area and result in large global spillovers." While U.S. banks aren't highly exposed to Greek debt, a widening problem could eventually cause difficulties.

Timing has certainly enhanced the negative effects. The same situation in the midst of a strong and widespread expansion, for instance, would cause less concern in global markets. However, since investors are already somewhat lacking in confidence and have recently endured a major credit crisis, it doesn't take much to generate a sizable sell-off. Moreover, banks in some countries remain similarly stressed by continuing fallout from the recent recession, and fears that they could sustain capital losses due to Greek defaults are enough to provoke a reaction.

This week, the Greek government survived a key parliamentary vote of confidence, but faces another challenge to get austerity measures passed in time to ensure aid funds continue to flow. For the people of Greece, solving the massive debt problem will be quite painful no matter how it is achieved. Minimizing the impact on other nations will require the strong core EU nations to step in and assist. Otherwise, a spiral of defaults could ensue, making the struggle for sustained global economic recovery even more difficult. Given the realistic options, a package of meaningful reforms is likely.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		Truth...	Paid	Paid	This Week		B. Church	First Baptist Church	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Paid	Paid	Ministries	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist Church		First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Paid		Best Bra	Tomorr.	In Touch Ministries	Key David	Paid	Paid	Edgem'nt	Edgem'nt	Edgem'nt	Edgem'nt
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	C'nsumer	Consumer	C'nsumer	C'nsumer	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FaithAve	C'nsumer	Bible	C'nsumer	C'nsumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Dr. Will	Morris...	In Touch Ministries		Sal.	Schwarz	Heart of the City		Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Sunday Today (N)		Paid Program		ITF Tennis Wimbledon Site: All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (L)							
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Rogers	Cat/ Hat	SuperWI	DinoTrain	Sid	Speaks	Arthur	WordGirl	Wild K.	Company	Idea/Act	Contrary
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Concha	Concha	Desayuno	Agenda	Muchachitos		Al Punto		Vecinos		Vecinos	Republica
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Homes	Hometown.	Faith		Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Methodis	CARS.TV	Paid
FLIX	340	65		165		(6:00) The Doctor (2011, Drama)				(:45)							
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:30) Small Soldie...		(:15) Do This (:45)	Real Sports	(:45) Boxing HBO After Dark				(:15) Making			
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:00) Tom Clan...											
HBO5	304	70	16	102		(5:00) Separation...											
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:30) Alvin & the ...		(:20) The Breakfast Club		(:45)							
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie											
PLEX			96			(5:30) Field of Dr...											
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Movie											
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) Call of the ...											
A&E	27	32	28	35	47					The Sopranos		The Sopranos		The Sopranos		The Glades	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:30)											
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Bobby Jones Gospel		Lift Voice	Bernie M	Essence Music Festival (N)			
BRAVO	65	63		41		The Real Housewives	Watch	Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Flipping Out	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	(5:00) News	Sanjay	CNN Sunday		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Dual Survival		D.Catch "New Blood"		D.Catch "New Blood"		Deadliest Catch	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Ag.Oso	Mickey M.	M.Mouse	Jake	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	Shake Up	A.N.T.	Sofiandom	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter				FIFA Soccer Bra./Nor.	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(6:45) Soccer	(:45) FIFA Soccer World Cup Equa./Aus. (L)					OLines	Report (N)	Winners Bracket (N)		SportsC.	Tonight
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33												
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						News HQ	Housecall	America's News HQ		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	B.Boitano	Alex's Day	Chef	Paula	Dinners	30 Mins	Hungry	Big Bite	BBQ (N)	H.Made	Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Paid	Paid	Insider	Mavricks	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	BullRide	Horse	Lokar	Garage
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Bernie M	Bernie M										
HALLMARK	54	49	58			Empty N.	Empty N.	Empty N.	Empty N.	Martha's	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Lucy	Lucy	Lucy	Lucy
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Outdoor	The Block	The Block	Holmes	Holmes Inspection		Decked	Disaster	Crashers	Outdoor	HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Marvels "Fireworks"		Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		The Hour of Power		J.Osteen	Paid	Drop Dead Diva		Drop Dead Diva		Drop Dead Diva	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live								Caught on Camera	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Rugrats	Fanboy	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	T.U.F.F.	T.U.F.F.	Sponge	Sponge	Power	Sponge
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Xtr. 4x4	Horsep.	Trucks!	Muscle..
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Int. Fill (:15)	Not Another Teen Movie...								
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:30)	Thousands Cheer (:45)		This Is the Army George Murphy.								
TELE	20	8	10	20		Paid	Paid	Sheldon	Willa	Pearlie	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Enfoque	Music	Deportivo
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "I.D."		Law & Order "Pride"		Memphis Beat "Lost"		Franklin & Bash		Leverage		Falling Skies	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Nanny	The Nanny	Nanny	Hot In	Hot In		(:15) Makeover		(:20) Makeover		(:25) Makeover	
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Royal Pains "Traffic"		Suits "Pilot"			Suits		Neckbrah
VERSUS	38	39				Outdoor	H.Outdoors	Gun Talk	Outdoors	Offense	RealHunt	Quest For	Alaska	Fishing	Fishermn	Bass Pros	Bill Dance
WGN	19	18				B. Winston	Facts	Key David	Beyond	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night					

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — JULY 3, 2011

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid					News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Masters of Illusion		NCAA Baseball		PGA Golf AT&T National Site: Aronimink Golf Club -- Newtown Square, Pa. (L)						News	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14											News	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3											Smash	Queens
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	R Cortes	Enarson	Alewine	T.Scrivner	Light of the Southwest						C'nsumer	C'nsumer
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(2:00) ITF Tennis Wimbledon (L)				Cycling Tour de France						Bible	Super.
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Photo	WondersW	Am. Sews	Sewing	Quilt Arts	F&Porter	Pioneers of TV				Denis O	Bill Cloud
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	(11:30) Republica Deportiva				CSF Fútbol Copa America Brazil vs. Venezuela (L)						Inside Ed.	News
KOSA MNT	16	16		16												History Detectives	
FLIX	340	65		165												Conducta	Noticiero
HBO	300	68	14	14												FBI Files	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23												
HBO5	304	70	16	102													
MAX	380	71	17	120	24												
MAX2	382	72	18	122													
PLEX			96														
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25												
TMC	336	67	22	155	26												
A&E	27	32	28	35	47												
AMC	40	21	23	42	51												
BET	58	26		40													
BRAVO	65	63		41													
CNBC	46	45		39	72												
CNN	43	24	51	30	56												
DISC	50	20	31	24	42												
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36												
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30												
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31												
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33												
FNC	45	58	53	23	55												
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54												
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29												
FX	31	31	59	64	69												
HALLMARK	54	49	58														
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44												
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43												
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48												
MSNBC	47	51		49	73												
NICK	55	34	39	34	37												
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58												
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67												
TBS	25	11	44	66	41												
TCM	41	61	24	63	66												
TELE	20	8	10	20													
TLC	51	33	32	38	52												
TNT	24	23	40	26	50												
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35												
USA	26	30	42	27	49												
VERSUS	38	39															
WGN	19	18															

SUNDAY PRIME TIME — JULY 3, 2011

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos		Makeover "Zeigler/ Hansen Family"		Castle "Lucky Stiff"		Body of Proof "Helping Hand"		KMID	(:35) Ugly Betty	(:35)	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Blue Bloods "What You See"		Undercover Boss "Baja Fresh"		CSI: Miami "Wheels Up"		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Heartland "Coming Home"		Rush Hour 2 (2001, Action) Chris Tucker, Zhang Ziyi, Jackie Chan...				Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	Cheaters		Da Vinci's Inquest	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	American Dad	Bob's Burgers	The Simpsons	Cleveland Show	Family Guy "Episode VI: It's a Trap"		Three Wide Life	Tx.Roadhouse	Numb3rs "Longshot"	Consum-er Corner	Consum-er Corner	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Dr. R.Booker	Tony Robinson	Light of the Southwest				Alan Lee	Jack Van Impe	For the Heart of the City	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dateline NBC		America's Got Talent		America's Got Talent		The Marriage Ref (N)		News-West 9	Country Reporter	Whacked Out	Bones
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Nova "What Are Dreams?"		Nature "The Gorilla King"		Masterpiece Mystery! "Halloween Party" (N)		"Poirot"	Daytrip-per	Austin City Earl Keen/ Hayes Carll	"Robert Ellis"	Nature "The Gorilla King"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La Rosa de Guadalupe		Pequeños Gigantes				Sal y Pimienta		Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	SOS: Sexo y Otros Secretos	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Without a Trace		Cold Case		The Closer		Comedy. TV		Office	Family G.	Apple	Longhorn
FLIX	340	65		165		(6:00) La Dolce Vita		My Best Friend's Wedding		(:45)		Betsy's Wedding					
HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	(:45) Boardwa...	"Boardwalk Empire"		True Blood (N)		Treme (N)				True Blood	Treme
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Bill Maher		Inception (10, Act) Joseph Gordon-Levitt...						Spider-Man 2 Tobey Maguire.			Movie
HBO5	304	70	16	102													
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(4:50)	Face/ Off (:15)	A Nightmare on Elm Street						Coming to America Eddie Murphy,		Lingerie	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:45)	Sherlock Holmes			Cop Out Bruce Willis.			(:50) Hot Line	"Seductive Tales"			
PLEX			96														
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:50)	The Twilight Saga: Eclipse			Weeds	The Big C	The Real L Word (N)		Shameless		The Real L Word	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:25)	The City of S...	(:05)	Townies Kiefer Sutherland.			Cocaine Cowboys II: H...				Movie	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal Minds "Outlawed"				Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Glades "Old Ghosts"		The Glades	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(6:00)	The Perfect...										
BET	58	26		40		(3:45) BET Awards				2010 Soul Train Awards							
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives NJ				Housewives NJ		Wives NJ "Stick It"		Housewives NJ		Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Millions	Wall Street			How I Made Millions		Titans "Jack Welch"		Crime Inc.		60 Minutes	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	News	Story			CNN Presents		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	D. Catch	"Sea Change"			Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	(5:15)	Sharpay's...	Lemonade Mouth		Bridge Mar...		Babysit.	A.N.T.	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight (L)		MLB Baseball L.A. Dodgers vs. L.A. Angels (L)						SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Strongm.	Strongman	Strongman		MLS Soccer Houston vs Colorado (L)				MLB Baseball 2009 Home Run Derby			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33												
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	Fox Report Weekend		Huckabee		Stossel		Geraldo at Large		Huckabee		Stossel	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	(5:30)	Food Star	Challenge (N)		Food Network Star			Diners	Extreme Chef		Food Network Star	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	UTSAFoot	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Florida Marlins vs. Texas Rangers (L)						Rangers	Gold Age	WPT Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:00)	Baby Mama										
HALLMARK	54	49	58			Lucy	I Love Lucy	Lucy		Lucy		Lucy		Lucy		Lucy	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	My Yard	HH Vaca	Holmes	Holmes	Holmes Inspection		Household	House	HGTV'd	Income	Holmes Inspection	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Ice Road Truckers		Truckers "Fire on Ice"		Ice Road Truckers		Modern Marvels		Ice Road Truckers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Drop Dead Diva		Drop Dead Diva		DDDiva "Hit and Run"		DDDiva "False Alarm"					
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Sex Slaves		Sex Slaves "United Kingdom"					
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Buck/Skin	Buck/Skin	Wife Kids	Wife Kids	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	"70s	"70s	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(5:00)	Star Wars: Episode VI: Return of ...										
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(5:15)	A Night at t...	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky...									
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	I'm King Kong		King Kong (33, Adv) Fay Wray,									
TELE	20	8	10	20		Beverly Hills Chihuahua (2008)				Happy Feet (2006)				Unidares	Camara	El Chapo (08, Dra)	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	48 Hours "Kidnapped"		48 Hours: Evidence		48 Hours... "Haunted"		48 Hours: Evidence		48 Hours... "Haunted"		48 Hours: Evidence	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(5:45)	Lord of the Rings: The Return of...			Leverage (N)		Fall/Sky "Grace" (N)		Leverage		Falling Skies "Grace"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:15) Family	(:50) MASH	(:25) M*A*S*H		(:55) MASH	(:25) MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Hot In	Divorced
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law&O.:SVU "Florida"		Law&O.:SVU "Night"		SVU "Alternate"		SVU "Closet"		White Collar		SVU "Criminal"	
VERSUS	38	39				To Be Announced											
WGN	19	18				Mother	M-Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News (:40) Replay		Monk		Monk	

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Assistant manager Alex Del La Torre, below right, helps Tyler Shallington try on a jacket at the Men's Wearhouse store June 15 in Houston. Del La Torre used to work for another company before it shut down and has worked for about a year with Men's Wearhouse, which offers good benefits to their employees.

Patrick T. Fallon/Houston Chronicle

Mantle passes at Men's Wearhouse

■ Though George Zimmer has handed off the CEO job, he'll still be the face and voice of the chain.

By David Kaplan
Houston Chronicle

George Zimmer has come a long way since 1973 when he opened his first men's store, a shoestring operation in Houston at Briargrove Plaza on Westheimer.

"I had $7,000 in cash, and most of that went to rent," he recalled. "My father made cheap double-knit sport coats and slacks, and I'd get them on credit. We had no cash register, and I used a cigar box." His outside sign was lit by a spotlight connected to an extension cord.

Zimmer, who has become famous from his TV ads, was CEO of Houston-based Men's Wearhouse until Wednesday, when he handed the reins to Douglas Ewert, who had been president and chief operating officer.

Zimmer is not going away, though.

"I'll still be the face and voice of the company," Zimmer said by phone in his familiar calm deep voice and New York accent. "Doug will do most of the work. I'll get the credit."

Zimmer said he and the company have it in writing that "if I get hit by a bus, they can continue to use my caricature."

Ewert, 47, and Zimmer, 62, have worked closely together at Men's Wearhouse for 16 years, they said, and the arrangement seems to work.

"Men's Wearhouse is doing very well and is able to deliver strong sales and earnings trends despite a volatile economy," said Betty Chen, an analyst at Wedbush Securities.

With almost 1,200 stores in North America, the retail chain has become a market leader in suit sales and tuxedo rentals.

Zimmer will work every day, but not as many hours, and focus on strategy and marketing, he said. Men's Wearhouse is based in Houston, but Zimmer and Ewert work from offices in Fremont, Calif.

Zimmer now has the title of executive chairman of the board.

He compared his and Ewert's leadership styles.

"Doug is more disciplined and organized and clearly a better merchant," Zimmer said. "I'm more intuitive and possibly more visionary."

Ewert seemed to agree. Ewert previously worked at Macy's, where he served as divisional merchandise manager, Macy's West.

"I felt like a millionaire"

Zimmer recalled his first day of business at Men's Wearhouse 38 years ago: "It was a Saturday, and we did $3,000. I felt like a millionaire. Then Monday we did $60."

That's when he realized the power of advertising, he said. He had run a one-day newspaper ad for his Saturday promotion.

Eighteen months later, he ran his first TV ad. The original spokesman was local radio/TV personality Harold Gunn.

It wasn't until 1986 that Zimmer began starring in Men's Wearhouse commercials and using the phrase "I guarantee it." In later years, Zimmer preceded the slogan with, "You're going to like the way you look."

The "I guarantee it" line was initially an ad lib, Zimmer said. "Not particularly clever then or now, but its effectiveness has a lot to do with repetition."

Chen said it is wise to keep using Zimmer as Men's Wearhouse's spokesman because of his "long enduring brand image."

Suzanne Long, retail practice leader at consulting firm SSA & Co., believes the company should keep Zimmer in the ads in the near term but consider changing at some point to appeal to a younger demographic.

Business at Men's Wearhouse has been on the upswing: "We had a couple of difficult years, but our business is great right now. We're taking market share," Ewert said.

For the first quarter ending April 30, the company reported a profit of $27.4 million, doubling its earnings from the same time a year ago. Revenue was $580 million, compared with $473 million during the same quarter a year ago.

Last year the chain started a "buy one get one free" promotion, which runs periodically and has boosted revenue, Zimmer said.

Ewert said he plans no major changes in company strategy, while noting: "We're constantly evolving our business."

Men's Wearhouse has done a nice job of changing its product mix to reflect the tastes of not only baby boomers but also the next generation of professionals, Long said, adding that the company still needs to boost its image more with younger professionals.

The company continues to diversify, Chen said. Last year Men's Wearhouse acquired two companies that make corporate uniforms. The company also has 35 dry cleaning locations, all in the Houston area, along with 14 Men's Wearhouse stores here.

While most stores are branded Men's Wearhouse, the company also owns the Moores Clothing for Men chain in Canada and K&G Fashion Superstore, a discount clothing chain for men, women and children.

Suits at Men's Wearhouse are generally priced between $200 and $600. Half are private label brands. Other brands include Calvin Klein and Ralph Lauren. A key to the company's solid performance is offering value, Zimmer said.

Men's Wearhouse's chief competitor is Jos. A. Bank, Long said.

Neal Black, president and CEO of Jos. A. Bank, said his menswear chain is also doing well.

"We have had an unrivaled record of growth and earnings over the past 10 years," Black said.

Jos. A. Bank, he said, offers high-quality classically styled menswear in convenient locations with good service and big sales. Hampstead, Md.-based Jos. A. Bank has 521 stores in 42 states, including 14 in the Houston area.

Black considers Men's Wearhouse to be a competitor in the sense that both chains are deep in suits.

"However, we think we have some distinctly different customer bases and don't compete in every category," he said.

Jos. A. Bank has recently gotten into tuxedo rental, a service that's been successful for Men's Wearhouse, Erin Ashley Smith, senior analyst at Argus Research Group, noted.

But Ewert said he believes Macy's is the primary competitor of Men's Wearhouse. Jos. A. Bank is focused on a more traditional customer, while Men's Wearhouse appeals to a broader demographic, he said.

At the Men's Wearhouse in the Commons shopping center on FM 1960, the store manager, Mattie Ricard-Harvey, greeted new customer Pete Terpstra when he came in.

"Hi, Mr. Pete!" she exclaimed.

"What's the deal, lady?" he replied. They were so friendly it was hard to tell it was only the second time he'd been in. He came to pick up two suits, two sport coats, 10 shirts, 10 ties and six casual shirts he'd selected on his first visit. He had taken advantage of a storewide buy-one-get-one-free sale.

"I came in for one sport coat, and they laid it on me," said Terpstra, a real estate investor who described the service as "fantastic."

Alex De La Torre, assistant manager at the Commons store, noted a family feeling among employees and said he feels it at every Men's Wearhouse store he visits.

For over a decade, Fortune has listed Men's Wearhouse as one of the top 100 places to work. The company has about 16,000 employees, and more than 1,000 are in the Houston area.

"Houston has been very good to Men's Wearhouse," Zimmer said. Both the company's corporate headquarters and central distribution facilities are here.

Little did Zimmer know back in 1973 that his Houston store would one day make him a household name. Fame can be embarrassing, he said.

More than once, he said, he has been with an elected official in public and a stranger will walk up and only recognize Zimmer. He has to point out to the stranger that the person he's with is a mayor, governor or U.S. senator.

Recently he went to a Buffalo Springfield reunion concert and went backstage and met rock star Stephen Stills.

"Hi, I'm George Zimmer from the Men's Wearhouse," Zimmer said.

"I know where you're from," Stills said.

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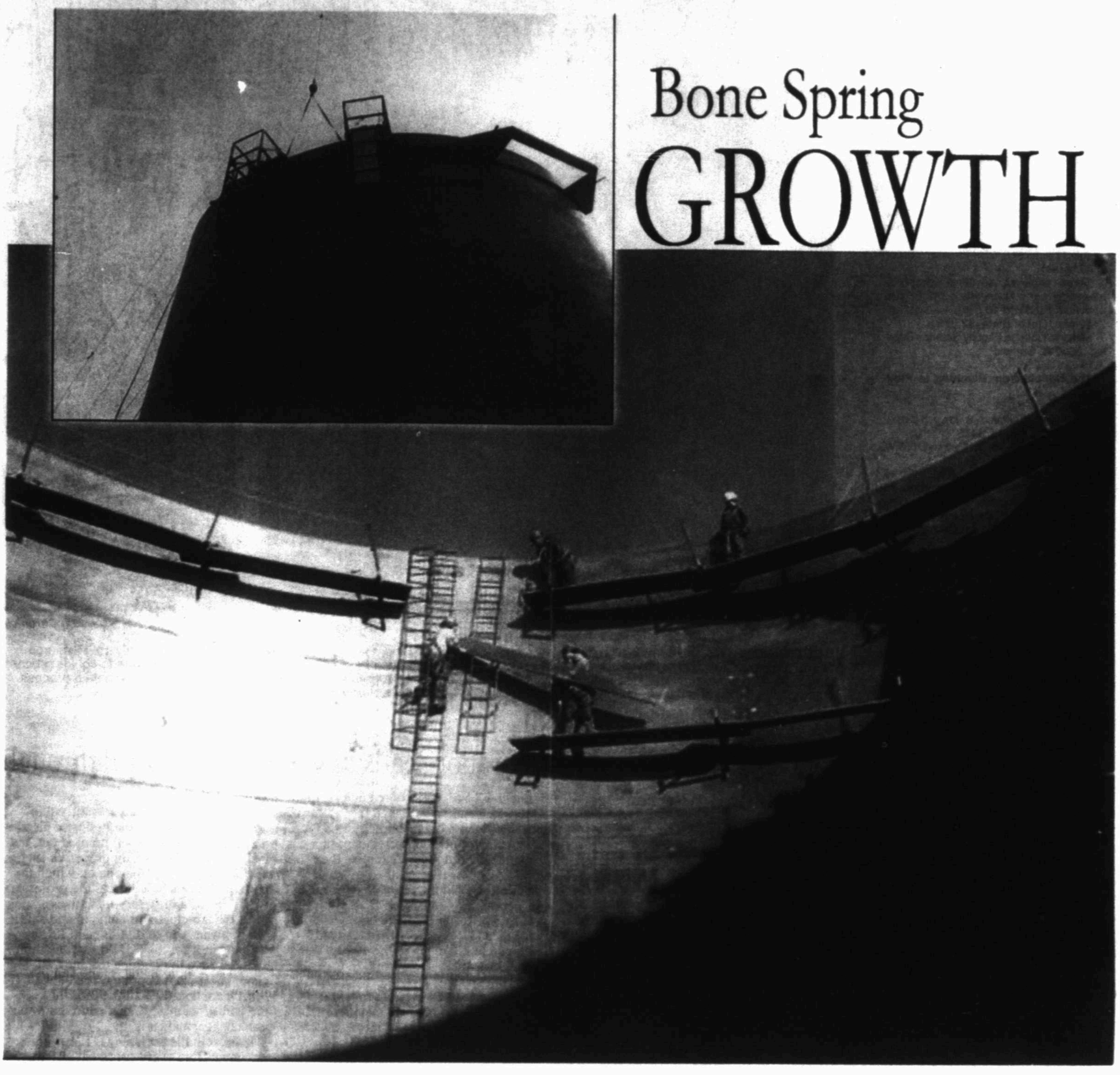
Your guide to the Permian Basin oil & gas industry



Bone Spring GROWTH

Plains All American prepares for growth in Bone Spring, Avalon plays

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

As activity in the Bone Spring play in the Delaware Basin increases, companies are working to ensure infrastructure is in place to provide additional capacity.

Plains All American Pipeline has just announced a new construction and expansion project in the Bone Spring. The Houston company said the project includes adding six miles of new six-inch pipe to an existing system, expected to be completed early in the third quarter and building 20 miles of new 12-inch pipe. Designed to initially move up to 65,000 barrels per day of crude, the project will provide additional take-away capacity for production primarily from Ward, Winkler, Reeves and Loving counties. The new pipe will connect with Plains' Basin system.

The company also plans to construct new storage and terminaling capacity up to 100,000 barrels, additional capacity that will be brought online in stages. The company is currently building a 20,000 barrel tank at its Quito station to receive volume from the new six-inch pipeline extension and another 20,000 barrels of capacity at its Black Tip station to service the 12-inch pipeline. Tank capacity at Black Tip is expected to be expanded as production from Bone Spring and Avalon

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Gas fracturing trades one scarce resource for another

By Kiah Collier
San Angelo Standard Times

CROCKETT COUNTY — Plastic-lined pits holding millions of gallons of blue-green water are tucked away in fields chock-full of withering mesquite trees.

On the banks of one of the larger man-made lakes, a lone green plant stands in stark contrast to the arid terrain that surrounds its artificial habitat. After the driest eight-month period in the state's recorded history, this barren ranch land has become inhospitable to even the most drought-resistant vegetation.

So where, amid the severe dry spell, did all this pristine water come from?

The query probably would not have been raised in non-drought times in this oil-friendly community.

As West Texas' reservoirs run dry, cities scour the region for their next water supply and farmers become more desperate for rainfall, oil companies here and elsewhere are pumping millions of gallons of freshwater from underground aquifers.

One pit in northern Crockett County contains enough to sustain a city of 100,000 for a day.

The water is stored there temporarily and eventually mixed with toxic chemicals and sand and pumped into wells at high pressure to fracture rock that traps large quantities of oil. A fraction of the millions of gallons of fluid it can take to fracture a single well is recovered — 20 to 25 percent on average — but most of it disappears underground, never to be seen again.

"We're using scarce resources to get scarce resources," said John Christmann, Permian Region vice president for Apache Corp., a Houston-based oil and gas company that operates in almost every West Texas county.

Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, an advocacy group for oil and gas producers, said the well stimulation technique known as hydraulic fracturing has led to a second oil boom in West Texas by opening up "previously unrecoverable" oil reserves.

The technology has brought more and

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Houston Chronicle

GOOD CHEMISTRY The combination of business and academia has the potential to reap benefits for both. Recently 1st Resource Group asked UT Arlington's chemistry and biochemistry department to use their resources to develop a portable gas-to-liquids process that could be used to turn stranded natural gas into diesel or jet fuel. UTA gets to keep the patents and 1st Resource gets a process that reduces flaring, increases liquid fuel supply and gives the company a product of global interest to market.

University-corporate collaboration leads to gas-to-liquids breakthrough

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

When 1st Resource Group Chairman F. Conrad Greer, P.E. had an idea for converting stranded natural gas to liquid fuel, he knew his own company was too small to build a laboratory, hire technicians and fund years of research in order to make that happen. He needed a way to partner with someone who had all that and he needed a way for them to be rewarded for their work without a huge investment on the part of 1st Resource.

Actually, the portable gas-to-liquids idea was not his first, so he had already solved that issue. Around 2000, Greer had searched across the country for a university he could partner with in just such a way. The Fort Worth-based company chairman finally found a suitable entity practically in his back yard - the University of Texas at Arlington.

Dr. Ronald L. Elsenbaumer, UTA's vice president for research and government relations, explains, "We started this (gas-to-liquids) as a sponsored research project with 1st Resource, who came to us and basically wanted us to develop a technology like this." So 1st Resource helped fund the research and, in turn, had first rights of refusal to license the technology if UTA was successful in the development phase. The company did indeed exercise their right.

While UTA did the research over a 2-3 year period, they started with ideas put forth by 1st Resources. The base technology for the GTL process is decades old, developed in Germany in the 1920s. What UTA did was to make it work on a smaller scale, both space-wise and production-wise, so it would be suitable for remote stranded-gas locations with smaller input than is available at large refineries where the technology is usually housed.

The great benefit for UTA is that they keep the patents on procedures developed from their research, meaning they have opportunity to earn income for the life of the patent. Elsenbaumer noted it is gratifying for researchers to see their work used productively in the marketplace as well.

As the technology for portable GTL is still brand new, he expects UTA to be involved in the tweaking of the process as it is field tested and new issues become obvious.

Not only does the university benefit from the royalties gleaned from these patents, researchers also are included under a shared agreement, according to Dr. Frederick MacDonnell, associate chair and professor of the chemistry and biochemistry department at UTA. The UT system said, "Okay, to give you guys incentive, you'll get a portion of the royalties -- and it's motivated the faculty to get involved," MacDonnell reported.

He said Ivy League schools like Harvard have done this for a long time, but not everyone in this area is pleased with professors getting royalties. "People have said, 'What do you mean, I'm paying this professor to get rich?'"

The university already has the equipment needed to study the basics of physics and biology, MacDonnell pointed out, but had no incentive to study processes such as Fischer-Tropsch, the one on which the portable GTL is based, until the professors were offered a monetary incentive.

"If the administrator came in and said, 'Now I want you to do this' and I'd say, 'What's in it for me?' He'd say, 'Nothing, and you have to continue teaching all your classes,'" it would not be received well, MacDonnell said. With the offer of keeping part of the patent, that entire conversation changes radically.

Interest in the portable GTL technology has come from every continent except Antarctica, said 1st Resource's Clyde Pittman, director of corporate planning, who is also a principle and founder of the company. That is just one aspect of what has made this partnership a positive for all parties.

"Our relationship with UTA has been a joy, it really has," he said. "They are an extremely cooperative, competent, very capable and creative group of people. We're looking forward to a long a profitable relationship with them under the programs we've managed to put together collaboratively.

"Until recent years, academia and business sort of remained separate," he continued. Now the business community is seeing universities as a research resource.

With universities in Texas and across the nation facing funding crunches as budgets are balanced, perhaps for-profit business research could replace some of those lost funds and provide benefits to the community at large.

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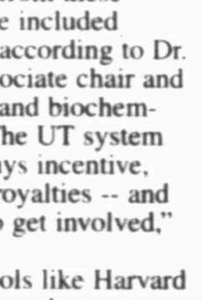
Drilling chemical disclosures: a fractured strategy



LOREN STEFFY
Houston Chronicle

I frequently speak to energy industry groups, and one of the most common questions I get is: What can the industry do to improve its public image?

There's no simple answer, but a big step would be greater transparency on environmental issues, especially those that directly affect people's quality of life.

Gov. Rick Perry recently signed the first state law that requires drilling companies to disclose the chemicals they combine with water and sand to fracture shale rock deep in the earth and extract oil and natural gas.

Other states regulate the hydraulic fracturing process, but Texas is now the only state with a law that, beginning next year, requires companies to publicly post the chemicals and the amounts used in drilling wells.

The Texas law was passed with the support of many companies that use the process, and the industry clearly hopes it will allay growing public concern about what is being injected into the earth and whether it could affect drinking water.

At Chesapeake Energy's annual meeting earlier this month, CEO Aubrey McClendon, a longtime proponent, told investors, "We have seen the light."

That raises another question: What took McClendon and others so long?

The industry clearly believes much of the concern about fracturing is overblown, fueled by a lack of public understanding of the process. It may be right, but that misses the point.

Fears grew and grew

While the industry tried to brush aside public concern, misunderstanding mounted. A documentary that offers little more than circumstantial cause-and-effect footage of a flaming faucet was nominated for an Academy Award. Public fears about fracturing have reached a fever pitch akin to the Roswell Incident.

While environmental groups cautiously praised the new law, they were quick to note that it doesn't go far enough. Translation: This ain't over.

Oil companies have become such convenient villains, especially for environmental groups, because they are so willing to play the role.

By refusing for years to say what they were injecting into the ground, energy companies only fueled the fears of a public that was already uneasy about wells encroaching on suburban neighborhoods.

Only sand and water

At first, companies insisted that only sand and water were used in the process. Only later, after reports surfaced that other chemicals were included in the drilling fluids, did the industry admit they were. The industry insisted the chemicals weren't harmful. Then, it turned out some, especially those used in the past, were. And even after all that, they refused to reveal exactly what chemicals were still being used.

As the controversy grew, the industry's knee-jerk response was to close ranks. Almost two years ago, I spoke with a frustrated PR guy in the Dallas area who was advising companies drilling in the Barnett Shale near Fort Worth to tell concerned homeowners what was being injected into nearby wells.

He couldn't get his clients to understand that the more they resisted, the more they fed public distrust over the entire drilling process.

Secrecy in the extreme

Companies claimed that the ingredients were some sort of secret recipe, and

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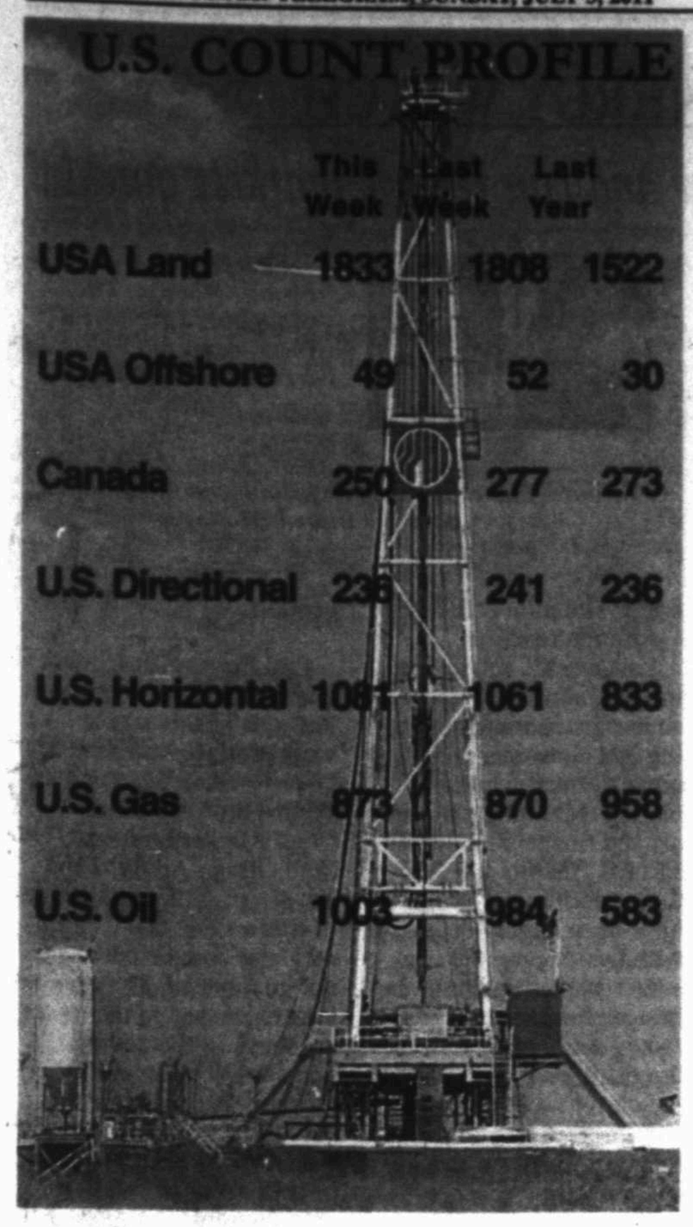

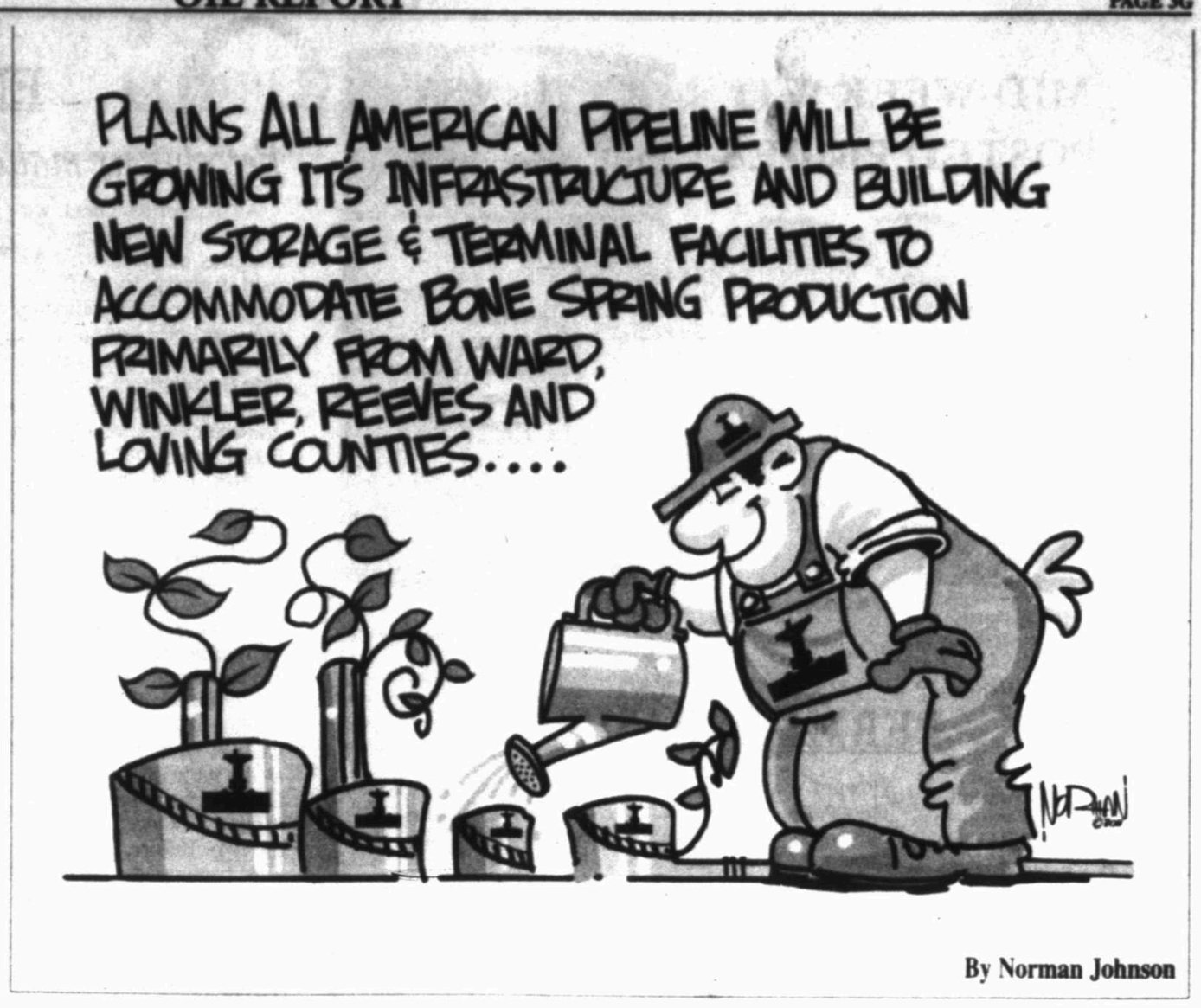

By Norman Johnson

STEFFY

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revealing the contents would hurt their business.

The most closely guarded corporate secret on Earth is the formula for Coca-Cola. Yet every can lists the contents.

This was a problem the industry could have fixed quickly. Yet, when controversy arose, it headed for the bunker. It once again failed to understand the cost of losing credibility with the public. Secure in its own science, it simply dismissed the concerns, ignoring the rising outcry until far too late.

Now, it sees the light, but by now, that light isn't bright enough to silence the controversy.

Loren Steffy is the Chronicle's business columnist.

Denbury buys remaining stake in Wyo. gas fields

Denbury Resources Inc. has agreed to buy the 57.5 percent working interest it does not already own in the Riley Ridge Federal Unit in southwestern Wyoming and an approximate 33 percent working interest in an adjoining 28,000 acres of mineral leases from Cimarex Energy Co. for $191 million.

The sale is expected to close next month. The Riley Ridge Unit and the adjoining land is located in the LaBarge Field, from which natural gas, helium and CO2 are currently being produced and sold. It's the same reservoir from which the Riley Ridge Unit will produce. The first production of natural gas and helium is expected to occur in the last three months of the year.

Cimarex, based in Denver, will use proceeds from the sale for its capital expenses this year — totaling about $1.5 billion. Denbury of Plano, Texas, plans to fund the deal through borrowings on its existing bank credit facility.

Both companies are independent oil and gas explorers, meaning they don't have refining or marketing operations.

In midday trading, shares of Denbury rose 29 cents to $19.04 and Cimarex shares added $2.26, or 2.7 percent, to $87.06.

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Shale area drilling activity increases and could ultimately reach 80,000 barrels, said Roy Lamoreaux, director of investor relations. He added that the crude oil is expected to be shipped into Midland on the Plains-operated Basin Pipeline. The 12-inch Black Tip Pipeline should be capable of transporting up to 100,000 barrels per day when fully horsepowered, he said, and the additional capacity "should provide the ability to service future volumes from the Bone Spring and Avalon areas."

Support from long-term agreements recently signed with Anadarko Petroleum and Chesapeake Energy prompted the company to move forward with the project, which is expected to be in service by the end of the year.

Plains owns and operates approximately 3,500 miles of crude gathering and trunk pipelines and 20 million barrels of crude oil storage capacity that serves the Permian Basin region. Last year, the company transported approximately 470,000 barrels of crude per day out of the Permian Basin.

"Plains All American has established a $600 million growth capital program for 2011," Lamoreaux said. "Furthermore, the company has identified approximately $5 billion of additional potential expansion opportunities in North America, providing visibility for our targeted $400-600 million of expansion investment for the next several years. Given our financial resources, established asset footprint and experience handling specific requirements in the Permian Basin, we believe that we are very well positioned to assist our producer customers meet their expanding logistical needs."

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Range Resources: Ventura will become CEO

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Natural gas Range Resources Corp. said Monday that President and Chief Operating Officer Jeffrey Ventura will become CEO Jan. 1, replacing longtime chief executive John Pinkerton. The company said Pinkerton will become its executive chairman. He has been CEO of Range Resources since 1992.

Ventura, 53, has been with the company since 2003 and has been on the board of directors since 2005.

WILDCATS

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Concho County

Flag Energy, LLC
Scott #2
Wildcat-D; Boase, W J/Miller, D; A-1755, Blk N/A, Sec 2; 467 FNL 467 FEL of lse; 467 FNL 2464 FWL of survey; 1 mile S of Live Oak; obj: 4000; permit #717502; API #095-32361

Crockett County

Approach Oper. LLC
University 42-21 #1H
Wildcat-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 42, Sec 21; 660 FSL 710 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 710 FWL of survey; 14 miles NE of Ozona; obj: 6500; permit #709797; API #105-41255

Approach Oper. LLC
Chandler "44" #4403
Wildcat-Re-Enter; GC & SF RR Co./Augustine, W H; A-4317, Blk GH, Sec 44; 660 FEL 1980 FNL of lse; 660 FEL 1980 FNL of survey; 8 miles NE of Ozona; obj: 9000; permit #712588; API #105-39763

Irion County

Three Rivers Oper. Co., LLC
Sugg 1897 #4
Wildcat-Recompletion; Wimann, A; A-658, Blk N/A, Sec 1897; 1980 FWL 2268 FNL of lse; 1980 FWL 2268 FNL of survey; 11 miles NW of Mertzon; obj: 6940; permit #717672; API #235-34306

Three Rivers Oper. Co. LLC
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EXCO Res., Inc.
Sugg "214" #21
Wildcat-D; Walling, M A; A-663, Blk N/A, Sec 214; 6695 FSL 1090 FWL of lse; 6695 FSL 1090 FWL of survey; 18 miles NW of Mertzon; obj: 8000; permit #717999; API #235-34750

Reagan County

El Paso E&P Co., L.P.
University 1-12 #1H
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El Paso E&P Co., L.P.
University 1-7 #1H
Wildcat-D; UL; A-U7, Blk 1, Sec 7; 100 FNL 600 FWL of lse; 100 FNL 600 FWL of survey; 6.7 miles SW of Texon; obj: 12990; permit #711413; API #383-37205

Runnels County

OGL Holdings, LLC
Rodgers #2
Wildcat-D; H & TC RR Co./Baggs, W M; A-750, Blk N/A, Sec 328; 588 FEL 1809 FSL of lse; 588 FEL 1809 FSL of survey; 3 miles E of Winters; obj: 2000; permit #717796; API #399-35277

Tom Green County

Nabors Well Services Co.
SATTC #2
Wildcat-D; Moore, L P; A-1637, Blk N/A, Sec 169 ?; 6759 FNL 1705 FWL of lse; 6759 FNL 1705 FWL of survey; 4.2 miles S of San Angelo; obj: 3000; permit #717805; API #451-32715

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Dawson County

Cambrian Mgmt., LTD.
Pettaway #1
Wildcat-D; A-410, Blk N/A, Sec 270; 2777 FSL 2310 FEL of lse; 467 FNL 467 FWL of survey; 11.9 miles SW of Lamesa; obj: 12700; permit #717956; API #115-33410

Big Star Oil & Gas, LLC
Cline 46 #1
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./Crossett, A H; A-527, Blk 34, T5N, Sec 46; 1980 FSL 655 FEL of lse; 1980 FSL 1980 FWL of survey; 2 miles SE of Midway; obj: 12000; permit #717963; API #115-33411

Hockley County

Bright & Co.
Tugs Dream #1
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King County

Buck Wheat Res., L.P.
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Terry County

Great Western Drlg. Co.
Brit Clare #22
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New Mexico

Chaves County

Yates Pet. Corp.
Grid Iron BLI Fed #3
Wildcat; T12S, R27E, Sec 6; 990 FSL 330 FWL; 9 miles NE of Dexter; Rot 5600 Wolfcamp; API #30-005-64145

Mack Energy Corp.
Jerry State #1
Wildcat; T15S, R31E, Sec 21; 2285 FSL 330 FEL; 12 miles NW of Maljamar; Rot 13215 Abo/Wolfcamp; API #30-005-29186

Gushers highlight potential of Pa. gas field

By Michael Rubinkam
Associated Press

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Two unexpected gushers in northeastern Pennsylvania are helping to illustrate the enormous potential of the Marcellus Shale natural gas field.

Each of the Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. wells in Susquehanna County is capable of producing 30 million cubic feet per day — believed to be a record for the Marcellus and enough gas to supply nearly 1,000 homes for a year. The landowners attached to the wells, who leased the well access, numbering fewer than 25, are splitting hundreds of thousands of dollars in monthly royalties.

"There was definitely excitement among the team that planned out these wells and executed their completion," said Cabot spokesman George Stark.

Drilling companies knew the Marcellus held a lot of gas. They just had to figure out a way to get it out, and they say they're getting better at it all the time.

The result is that the Marcellus, a rock formation beneath Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia and Ohio, has turned out to be an even more prolific source of gas than anyone anticipated. Energy firms are boosting their production targets, not only because new wells are coming on line but also because they're managing to coax more gas from each well.

Operators say they have a greater understanding of the complicated geology of the Marcellus, allowing them to land their drill bits in the sweet spot of the formation. They're drilling horizontally at greater distances, giving them access to more of the gas locked within the rock. And they're tweaking how they break apart the shale.

"It's like batting practice," said Matt Pitzarella, spokesman for Range Resources Corp. "The more you swing the bat, the better you get."

Fort Worth, Texas-based Range has boosted its estimate of the amount of natural gas it will ultimately be able to harvest from its Marcellus Shale wells, telling investors this month that it plans to triple production to 600 million cubic feet per day by the end of 2012.

Another major player, Chesapeake Energy Corp., has likewise reported a dramatic increase in expected well production. Early on, the Oklahoma City-based driller predicted that each well would yield 3.5 billion cubic feet of gas over its life span. That amount has since doubled, to more than 7 billion cubic feet, and continues to go up.

"Growing confidence in reserve quality is a major reason why many of the largest, most-successful, domestic and international energy companies are heavily investing in the Marcellus and other American shale plays," said Jeff Fisher, Chesapeake's senior vice president of production.

Indeed, major oil companies like Chevron Corp., Exxon Mobil Corp. and Royal Dutch Shell PLC have placed multibillion-dollar bets on the Marcellus, a 400-million-year-old rock formation that geologists say holds the nation's largest reservoir of natural gas and perhaps the second-largest in the world.

To unlock the shale's riches, drillers combine horizontal drilling with hydraulic fracturing, a technique known as fracking that pumps millions of gallons of water, along with sand and chemicals, into the well to creature fissures in the rock and allow natural gas to flow up. Fracking has raised environmental concerns, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is studying its impact on groundwater. The industry insists the process is environmentally safe.

The technology has unleashed a drilling frenzy in Pennsylvania — where more than 3,300 Marcellus wells have been sunk the past few years — and accounts for a twelvefold increase in U.S. shale gas production since 2000. Gas harvested from the Marcellus and other shale fields around the country — including the Barnett Shale in Texas and the Haynesville Shale in Louisiana — now represents a quarter of total U.S. natural gas production.

The new Cabot wells help illustrate why boosters believe the gas field could help steer U.S. energy policy for decades to come. They were also a nice bit of good news for Cabot, the Houston-based driller that endured two years of bad publicity after state regulators accused it of polluting water supplies in Dimock Township, Susquehanna County.

The wells — also located in Dimock — are "producing like gushers," exulted Stark, the Cabot spokesman, helping to push the company's daily production above 400 million cubic feet per day.

Like other drillers, Cabot has steadily increased the horizontal length of its wells, from an average of 2,100 feet in 2008 to 3,600 feet last year. It has seen a corresponding increase in capacity.

Capacity, though, does not always translate to production.

Cabot's wells, and Marcellus wells in general, are not running at full tilt, mainly because the infrastructure required to take the gas from wellhead to market is not yet fully in place. An oversupply of natural gas and the availability of crews to fracture the wells are other limiting factors.

"We certainly have had to manage our pace of drilling with the installation of pipeline infrastructure and demand in the market," Chesapeake's Fisher said in a statement. "While some delays in production startups are common in the early phase of these large-scale plays, the industry is working hard to build the infrastructure that will enable Marcellus reserves to get to market for decades to come."

The Marcellus isn't the only shale formation in Pennsylvania that energy companies have their eye on. Drillers are just beginning to explore the gas-bearing Utica and Upper Devonian formations. The Utica is deeper that the Marcellus, and the Upper Devonian is shallower.

"It's triple the resource potential under the same plot of land," said Kevin Cabla, an energy analyst at Raymond James & Associates.

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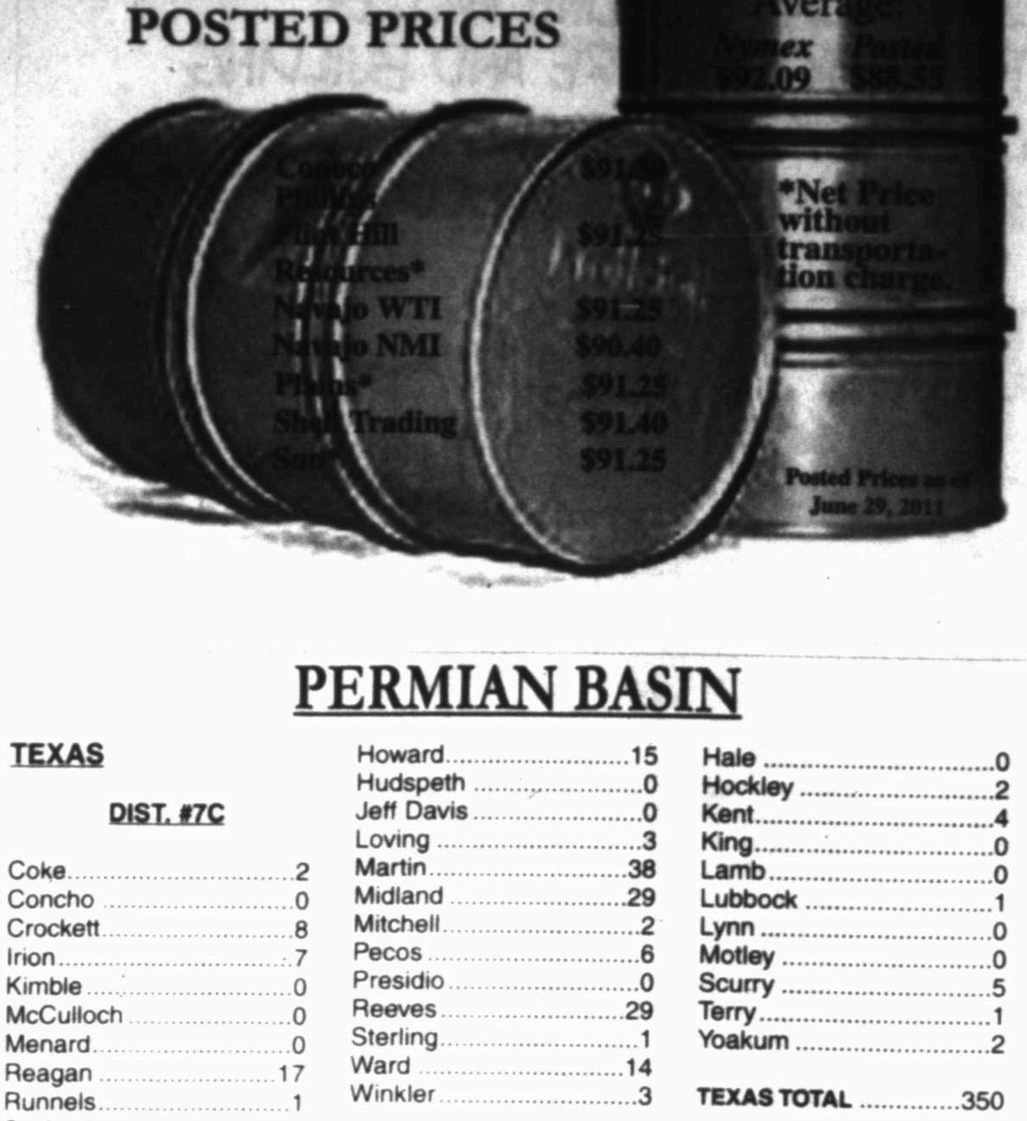

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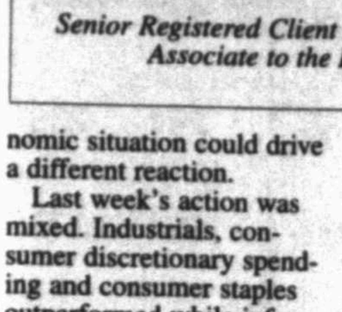
SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current Natural Gas Prices *Price per MMBtu*	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 6/29/11	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:	$4.326	$4.315	$4.717
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:	$4.260	$4.320	$4.645
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:	$3.967	$4.078	$4.081
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:	$4.125	$4.305	$4.517
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:	$4.040	$4.190	$4.315
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:	$4.153	$4.235	$4.503
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:	$4.283	$4.327	$4.806

ENERGY WATCH

Perceptions matter and can change markets quickly



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As market watchers, we read a lot. As you can imagine, much of what we read is pretty dry stuff: Feeds, speeds, specifications and other minutia. Once in a while we run across something a little more exciting. One of the non-tech blogs we frequent highlighted a National Institute of Health study that included milkshakes. Being a fan of chocolate, vanilla and strawberry milkshakes, we kept reading.

The study was designed to measure the body's physiological response to one of two milkshakes: An "indulgent" shake with 620 calories or a "sensible" shake with 140 calories. Hungry participants were offered a choice between the two. Before, during and after participants consumed the milkshakes, blood samples were taken to measure levels of a digestive hormone that drives hunger. The result was that participants who selected the indulgent shake had significantly lower levels of a hunger hormone and indicated that their hunger pangs were satisfied while those consuming the sensible shake were left hungry and unsatisfied.

It makes sense, right? Just another great example of a worthless study with an obvious conclusion? Well, not really. Here's the kicker: Despite what they were told, the shakes were identical 380 calorie desserts. It was the participant's perception that mattered, even to the point of producing a remarkable different physiological reaction.

As market watchers, we see this same behavior around economic, trade and employment data, earnings reports, political attitudes and debt situations. The data is objective, but reactions can be wildly different depending on the market's perception. This week featured a number of important economic data points for the market to digest, including new and existing home sales, and FOMC rate decision, initial jobless claims, durable goods, and the first-quarter GDP revision. Having trended lower for the month of June, the market seems to be leaning lower, but a changing perception around the troubles in Greece or the U.S. economic situation could drive a different reaction.

Last week's action was mixed. Industrials, consumer discretionary spending and consumer staples outperformed while information technology, materials and financial underperformed. Year to date, the top performing sectors have been largely defensive with health care and consumer staples notching the best performances. The mixed action may reflect the market's concern about the current soft patch and some optimism and the long term path for the economy. In a sense, it's not sure if it wants the sensible or indulgent shake. For the near term, we continue to expect the markets to be range bound with only modest incremental downside. With volume relatively light, we expect increased volatility.

Perceptions matter and the markets can change quickly. We recommend that long term investors stick with our neutral equity strategy and that short term investors be alert to the market's changing perception.

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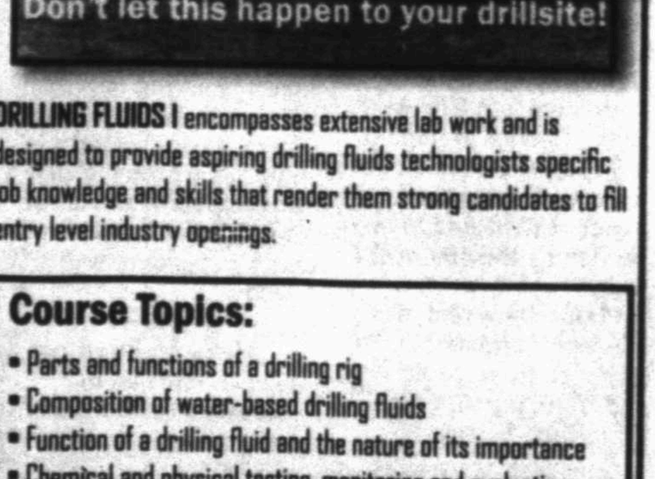

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"We did not know much about oil, but we knew we had something," Yates later recounted.

West of the Pecos

Steve Levine, staff geophysicist at ConocoPhillips and the past president of the Houston Geological Society, said the discovery was especially significant because "it dispelled a paradigm at that time that there was no oil west of the Pecos River."

Today, the sprawling field surrounds Iraan, a town of about 1,200 people named for Ira Yates and his wife, Ann (and pronounced Ira-Ann). The quiet hamlet gives no hint of a years-ago boom that once attracted some of the biggest oil companies and spawned a nearby community for oil workers that grew so lawless that it eventually was disbanded and then blown up by the Texas Rangers.

Now, Kinder Morgan is the biggest company in town, and no one is drilling gushing wells anymore. But there's still lots of oil at Yates.

"If we could get 5 percent more, it would be great," Ricketson said, noting that about 1.5 billion barrels of the original 5 billion barrels of oil in place at Yates have been produced.

Mitch Mamoulides, Permian South Area manager for Chevron Corp., another major West Texas producer, said such gains may seem trivial to outsiders but actually are not.

"When you have a target of billions and billions of barrels of oil, small percentage changes in your recovery are huge reserve adds - and we just keep getting those every few years," he said.

There's an expression in the oil and gas industry that is apt here: Big fields get bigger. While not technically true, companies like Kinder Morgan are clearly stretching the lives of Yates and other aging U.S. oil fields.

"We have a great resource base to unlock," Ricketson said, "and we're not giving up on it."

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Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

Approach Operating LLC
University "42-22" #15
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 660 fel, 2,130 fnl, Sec 22, Blk 42, ULS, 14 ne Ozona; TD 7,925; Comp 9-14-10; producing from 7,564-7,710, treated with 500 gals. acetic acid, 1,805 bbls. fluid, 205,346# sand, 123 tons CO2; pump 44 BO, 90 MCF, 16 BW, 41.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-105-41152

Approach Operating LLC
Baker "B" #205
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 1,980 fnl, 1,137 fel, Runnels CSL, Abst. 2832, 13 nw Ozona; TD 8,050; Comp 10-6-10; producing from 7,790-7,876, treated with 150 gals. 10 percent acetic acid, 2,203 bbls. fluid, 259,000# sand, 160 tons CO2; pump 23 BO, 108 MCF, 11 BW, 42.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-105-41167

Irion County

TXP Inc.
Sugg Farmar "5" #2
Sugg Ranch (Canyon); 780 fsl, 467 fwl, Sec 5, Blk 6, Abst. 314, H&TC RR, 13 nw Mertzon; TD 7,545; Comp 2-11-11; producing from 7,324-7,395, treated with 1,000 gals. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 35,000 gals. gel/foam, 61,250# sand; flow 20 BO, 110 MCF, 35 BW on half-inch choke, FTP 400 psi, 44.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34639

Reagan County

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
SRH "8" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,923 fsl, 2,173 fel, Sec 8, Blk 1, Abst. 228, T&P RR, 17.4 se Big Lake; TD 9,602; Comp 2-23-11; producing from 6,080-9,512, treated with 25,951 bbls. fluid, 1,019,660# sand; pump 33 BO, 37 MCF, 130 BW, 47.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-36877

Upton County

COG Operating LLC
Karen #5103
Spraberry (Trend Area); 746 fwl, 2,243 fsl, Sec 51, Blk C, Abst. 36, CCSD&RGNG, 15.2 nw Rankin; TD 9,651; COmp 2-16-11; producing from 7,890-9,535, treated with 531,635 gals. gel, 418,000# sand; flow 82 BO, 73 MCF, 47 BW on 18/64 inch choke, FTP 850 psi, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-36906

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Ashton #12
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,135 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 12, Blk A-42, Abst. 2222, PSL, 11 sw Andrews; TD 4,766; Comp 12-14-10; producing from 4,176-4,578, treated with 2,842 bbls. fluid, 251,680# sand; pump 14 BO, 118 MCF, 204 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42147

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
W.T. Ford "A" #8
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,700 fnl, 970 fel, Sec 16, Blk A-43, Abst. 463, PSL, 9 sw Andrews, TD 4,755; Comp 1-5-11; producing from 4,156-4,380, treated with 3,068 bbls. fluid, 181,040# sand; pump 4 BO, 110 MCF, 246 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42221

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
King -B- #10
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,250 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 1, Blk A-42, Abst. 1120, PSL, 6 sw Andrews; TD 4,720; Comp 1-6-11; producing from 4,170-4,633, treated with 3,938 bbls. fluid, 151,250# sand; pump 52 BO, 31 MCF, 68 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42238

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
King -B- #9
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,880 fsl, 990 fwl, Sec 1, Blk A-42, Abst. 1120, PSL, 6 sw Andrews, TD 4,715; Comp 12-28-10; producing from 4,177-4,602, treated with 2,878 bbls. fluid, 198,500# sand; pump 47 BO, 67 MCF, 159 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42228

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
W.h. Bush "B" #18
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,980 fnl, 990 fel, Sec 3, Blk A-47, Abst. 1551, PSL, 13 nw Andrews; TD 4,900; Comp 7-29-10; producing from 4,541-4,754, treated with 1,954 bbls. fluid, 200,740# sand; pump 160 BO, 28 MCF, 193 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41735

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
King -B- #7
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,155 fsl, 2,310 fwl, Sec 1, Blk A-42, Abst. 1120, PSL, 6 sw Andrews; TD 4,762; Comp 12-14-10; producing from 4,164-4,680, treated with 5,572 bbls. fluid, 303,800# sand; pump 75 BO, 109 MCF, 148 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42180

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
J.T. Lindley #14
Fuhrman-Mascho; 371 fsl, 1,650 fwl, Sec 17, Blk A-47, Abst. 1627, PSL, 13 sw Andrews; TD 4,939; Comp 12-22-10; producing from 4,464-4,696, treated with 2,654 bbls. fluid, 205,020# sand; pump 101 BO, 16 MCF, 180 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42165

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Bassel et al #13
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,017 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 6, Blk A-42, Abst. 1188, PSL, 12 sw Andrews; TD 4,853; Comp 12-11-10; producing from 4,380-4,636, treated with 2,013 bbls. fluid, 249,398# sand; pump 38 BO, 20 MCF, 136 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42118

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Andrews University "32" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 467 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 5, ULS, 12.9 ne Andrews; TD 11,420; Comp 5-19-10; producing from 7,466-11,232, treated with 2,012,780# sand, 33,986 bbls. water frac; pump 44 BO, 52 MCF, 152 BW, 32.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41399

Ector County

ConocoPhillips Company
Goldsmith Andector Unit #Z95
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 1,320 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 45, T-1-N, Abst. 339, T&P RR, 26 nw Odessa; TD 6,670; Comp 11-29-10; producing from 5,475-6,207, treated with 3,479 gals. 15 percent HCL, 129,925 gals. fluid, 188,160# sand; pump 41 BO, 160 MCF, 150 BW, 37.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-39809

ConocoPhillips Company
Goldsmith Andector Unit #J162
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 200 fsl, 1,900 fel, Sec 13, Blk 45, T-1-N, Abst.340, T&P RR, 24 nw Odessa; TD 6,620; Comp 12-15-10; producing from 5,562-6,397, treated with 4,489 gals. 15 percent HCL, 146,961 gals. fluid, 236,985# sand; pump 6 BO, 443 MCF, 13 BW, 37. Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40496

ConocoPhillips Company
Goldsmith Andector Unit #K185
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 2,498 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 9, Blk A, Abst. 1162, PSL, 6 nw Goldsmith; TD 6,630; Comp 12-21-10; producing from 5,418-6,463, treated with 3,335 gals. HCL, 144,186 gals. fluid, 254,960# sand; pump 57 BO, 147 MCF, 396 BW, 37.6 Oil Gravity; API #2-135-40497

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Parker Minerals "9" #1
Harper; 330 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 9, Blk 44, T-2-S, Abst. 298, T&P RR, 8 n Penwell; TD 4,706; Comp 1-22-11; producing from 4,390-4,452, treated with 11,400 gals. 15 percent NeFe, 377 bbls. fluid; pump 17 BO, 18 MCF, 290 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40643

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Parker Minerals "9" #2
Harper; 990 fsl, 1,650 fel, Sec 9, Blk 44, T-2-S, Abst. 298,T&P RR, 8 n Penwell; TD 4,715; Comp 1-16-11; producing from 4,372-4,452, treated with 14,350 gals. 15 percent neFe, 398 bbls. fluid; pump 53 BO, 32 MCF, 237 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40666

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Parker Minerals "18B" #19
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 480 fnwl, 990 fnel, Sec 18, Blk 44,T-2-S, Abst. 1103, T&P RR, 6 nw Penwell; TD 6,047; Comp 1-25-11; producing from 5,560-5,906, treated with 9,000 gals. 15 percent acid, 5,904 bbls. fluid, 189,000# sand; pump 72 BO, 137 MCF, 343 BW,38 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40641

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Parker Minerals "11" #35
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 990 fwl, 2,310 fsl, Sec 11, BLk 45, T-2-S, Abst. 386, T&P RR, 16 w Odessa; TD 6,100; Comp 2-15-11; producing from 5,586-5,776, treated with 6,000 gals. 15 percent acid, 5,986 bbls. fluid, 207,000# sand; pump 50 BO, 137 MCF, 360 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40630

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Parker Minerals "12E" #32
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 1,650 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 12, Blk 45, T-2-S, Abst. 1227, T&P RR, 11 sw Goldsmith; TD 6,042; Comp 1-23-11; producing from 5,532-5,782, treated with 6,000 bbls. 15 percent acid, 4,005 bbls. fluid, 152,000# sand; pump 33 BO, 35 MCF, 304 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40676

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Parker Trust "20" #17
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 350 fsl, 2,310 fel, Sec 20, Blk 45, T-2-S, Abst. 1228, T&P RR, 5 se Penwell; TD 6,211; Comp 1-20-11; producing from 5,258-5,588, treated with 7,788 gals. 15 pecent acid, 499 bbls. fluid, 95,000# sand; pump 80 BO, 69 MCF, 397 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40631

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Parker Trust "20" #19
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 990 fsl, 505 fel, Sec 20, Blk 45, T-2-S, Abst. 1228, T&P RR, 5 se Penwell; TD 6,196; Comp 1-23-11; producing from 5,406-5,646,t reated with 143 bbls. 15 percent acid, 5,143 bbls. fluid, 192,900# sand; pump 26 BO, 29 MCF, 365 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40632

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Parker Minerals "7" #39
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 970 fnel, 1,750 fsel, Sec 7, Blk 44, T-2-S, Abst. 297, T&P RR, 7 se Penwell; TD 5,953; Comp 1-20-11; producing from 5,560-5,832, treated with 107 bbls. 15 percent acid, 3,957 bbls. fluid, 166,981# sand; pump 65 BO, 186 MCF,215 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40411

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Parker Trust "20" #14
Monahans Draw (Canyon 8388); 2,310 fnel, 1,980 fsel, Sec 20, Blk 45, T-2-S, Abst. 1228, T&P RR, 5 se Penwell; TD 9,115; Comp 12-19-10; producing from 8,316-8,808, treated with 139 bbls. 15 percent NeFe, 7,979 bbls. fluid, 70,032# sand; pump 295 BO, 405 MCF, 249 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40467

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Parker Minerals "7" #42
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 330 fsel, 2,310 fnel, Sec 7, Blk 44, T-2-S, Abst. 297, T&P RR, 7 se Penwell; TD 6,106; Comp 1-1-11; producing from 5,582-5,884, treated with 6,000 gals. 15 percent NeFe, 3,881 bbls. fluid, 134,000# sand; pump 54 BO, 135 MCF,304 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40420

Howard County

ConocoPhillips Company
Dora Roberts #62
Howard-Glasscock (Glorieta); 1,940 fsl, 640 fwl, Sec 136, Blk 29, Abst. 1381, W&NW RR, 13 sw Big Spring; TD 3,003; Comp 12-23-10; producing from 1,390-2,841, treated with 10,300 gals. 20 percent HCL, 141,382# sand; pump 144 BO, 1 MCF, 208 BW, 30.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-36441

Ward County

Devon Energy Production Co.
Colonel Drake "24" #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 660 fnwl, 467 fnel, Sec 24, Blk 1, Abst. 767, W&NW RR, 16.5 ne Pecos; TD 11,302 TVD; Comp 12-13-10; producing from 10,330-15,200 MD; flow 377 BO, 867 MCF, 902 BW on14/64 inch choke,FTP 2,800 psi, 46 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-35622

Texas RRCD 8A

Cochran County

Apache Corp.
F.L. Woodley #84
Slaughter; 1,030 fsl, 935 fel, Sec 57, Labor 7, Abst. 67, Oldham CSL, 7.5 s Whiteface; TD 5,100; Comp 2-8-11; producing from 4,933-5,025, treated with 2,178 bbls. FW, 54,500# sand; pump 77 BO, 51 MCF, 797 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-079-33213

Peden Energy Inc.
Callie Piercy #7
Levelland; 440 fel, 1,130 fsl, Sec 64, Labor 27, Abst. 59, Midland CSL, 1.5 s Whiteface; TD 4,957; Comp 11-1-10; producing from 4,900-4,930, treated with 15,000 gals. 15 percent NeFeHCL; pump 15 BO,5 MCF, 5 BW, 29 Oil Gravity; API #42-079-33201

Gaines County

Energen Resources Corp.
North Robertson Unit #1020
Robertson North (Clearfork 7100); 972 fnl, 3,100 fel, Sec 6, Blk AX, Abst. 1048,PSL, 9 sw Seminole; TD 7,500; Comp 2-8-11; producing from 6,552-7,141, treated with 77,675 gals. crosslink gel,65,847# sand; pump 17 BO, 12 MCF, 16 BW, 33.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-37117

Garza County

The Geo. R. Brown Partnership LP
Post Estate "C" #14
Garza; 1,165 fnl, 527 fwl, Sec 1230, Abst. 614, D&SE RR, 1 s Post; TD 3,220; Comp 12-21-10; producing from 2,890-3,084, treated with 10,000 gals. 15 percent HCL; pump 43.7 BO, 186 BW, 35.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-169-34015

Hockley County

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Levelland Unit #1215
Levelland-Directional; 1,118 fnl, 44 fwl, League 72, Labor 22, Abst. 210, Val Verde CSL, 1.9 sw Levelland; TD 4,891; Comp 5-12-11; producing from 4,768-4,850, treated with 12,976 gals. 15 percent Ferchek; pump 26 BO, 13 MCF, 359 BW, 32.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-37167

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Levelland Unit #1212
Levelland; 742 fnl, 159 fwl, Labor 1, League 44, Abst. 180, Rains CSL, 3.2 sw Levelland; TD 4,872; Comp 3-18-11; producing from 4,788-4,847, treated with 8,098 gals. 15 percent Ferchek; pump 17 BO, 8 MCF, 221 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-37162

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Levelland Unit #1211
Levelland; 1,430 fsl, 688 fwl, Labor 5, League 30, Abst. 2, Baylor CSL, 2.9 sw Levelland; TD 4,894; Comp 4-30-11; producing from 4,820-4,875, treated with 12,000 gals. 15 percent Ferchek; pump 41 BO, 20 MCF, 188 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-37170

Rocker A Operating Company
Young-Pace "A" #208W
Leeper (Glorieta); 1,003 fwl, 2,825 fnl, Labor 19, League 33, Abst. 5, Baylor CSL, 10 s Levelland; TD 6,640; Comp 11-29-10; producing from 6,390-6,510, treated with 3,000 gals. 15 percent acid; pump 44 BO, 120 BW, 25.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-37140

Rocker A Operating Company
Young-Pace "A" #201R
Leeper (Glorieta); 3,445 fwl, 2,117 fnl, Labor 19, League 33, Abst. 5, Baylor CSL, 10 s Levelland; TD 6,649; Comp 12-9-10; producing from 6,396-6,497, treated with 3,000 gals. 15 percent acid; pump 42 BO, 167 BW, 25.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-37137

Rocker A Operating Company
Young-Hays #108W
Leeper (Glorieta); 1,450 fnl, 2,587 fwl, Labor 18, League 33, Abst. 5, Baylor CSL, 10 s Levelland; TD 6,640; Comp 11-5-10; producing from 6,340-6,439, treated with 3,000 gals. 15 percent acid; pump 41 BO, 169 BW, 27 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-37138

S.K. Rogers Oil Inc.
Mears #1R
Linker (Clearfork); 467 fwl, 500 fnl, Labor 25, League 27, Abst. 14, Lamar CSL, 1 e Levelland; TD 7,990; Comp 2-8-11; producing from 7,050-7,382, treated with 10,000 gals. 15 percent NeFe; pump 14 BO, 2 MCF, 2 BW, 28 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-37180

S.K. Rogers Oil Inc.
B.C. Hamilton #5
Hamilton (Clearfork); 820 fnl, 650 fwl, Labor 5, League 25, Abst. 139, Wharton CSL, 5 se Levelland; TD 7,194; Comp 2-16-11; producing from 6,310-6,554, treated with 7,500 gals. 15 percent NeFe; pump 26 BO, 4 MCF, 67 BW, 27 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-37181

S.K. Rogers Oil Inc.
McCorkle Estate #3
Hamilton (Wolfcamp); 1,060 fel, 1,140 fsl, Labor 25, League 26, Abst. 139, Wharton CSL, 2 sw Levelland; TD 8,496; Comp 2-11-11; producing from 8,340-8,496, treated with 500 gals. 15 percent NeFe; pump 18 BO, 4 MCF, 77 BW, 27 Oil Gravity; API #42-219-37176

Lamb County

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Anton-Irish Clearfork Unit #597
Anton-Irish-Plugback from Anton-Irish (Wolfcamp); 1,353 fsl, 2,193 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 1, Abst. 98, R.M. Thomson, 38 ne Anton; TD 6,888; Comp 12-13-10; producing from 5,812-5,965, treated with 7,684 gals. 15 percent Ferchek; pump 10.1 BO,2 MCF, 75 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-279-30360

Yoakum County

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Yoakum Wasson Clearfork Unit #4525
Wasson 72-Directional; ;1,842 fnl, 1,485 fel, Sec 893, Blk D, Abst. 49, J.H. Gibson, 0.6 nw Denver City; TD 7,142 MD; Comp 7-16-10; producing from 5,791-6,804; pump 304 BO,35 MCF, 258 BW, 32.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-501-35695

New Mexico

Chaves County

Celero Energy II, LP
Rock Queen Unit #703
Caprock; T13S, R31E, Sec 36; 1309 FNL 1195 FWL; EL 4377 GL; TD 3143; PBTD N/A; Spud 1-27-11; Comp 5-4-11; production is through treated perfs: 3046-3060; Treat: 2000 gals 7.5% NEFE; IP: WIW; API #30-005-29161

Chesapeake Oper. Inc.
Perseus 10 Fed Com #3
Wildcat; T15S, R31E, Sec 10; 1980 FNL 200 FEL; EL 4402 GL; TD 13360; PBTD N/A; Spud 6-17-10; Comp 10-4-10; production is through treated perfs: 9240-13322; Treat: Frac w/1,895,093# sd & 2,509,122 gals gel; IP: 10-17-10 Pump 24 hrs 99 BO, 363 BW, 69 MCF; API #30-005-29137

Eddy County

COG Oper LLC
Folk Fed #26
East Empire; T17S, R29E, Sec 17; 2629 FNL 780 FWL; EL 3653 GL; TD 5595; PBTD 5540; Spud 2-18-11; Comp 3-23-11; production is through treated perfs: 3975-4225; Treat: Acdz w/11000 gals 15% Hcl, Frac w/475,071 gals gel, 518,971# 16/30 white sd,

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EOG Res., Inc.
University 40 #1302H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 40, Sec 13; 4869 FWL 8888 FSL of lse; 400 FEL 1660 FNL of survey; 2.8 miles SW of Barnhart; obj: 9800; permit #706769; API #235-34624

Reagan County

FIML Nat. Res., LLC
Mustang Draw #3053D
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-221, Blk 24, Sec 3053; 4562 FSL 663 FWL of lse; 751 FNL 663 FWL of survey; 19 miles NE of Big Lake; obj: 9500; permit #717831; API #383-37354

Upton County

COG Oper. LLC
Amacker60SW #2
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Blue Danube (Bend)-D; TC RR Co./Murchison, I; A-583, Blk Y, Sec 60; 737 FWL 1000 FSL of lse; 737 FWL 1000 FSL of survey; 9.1 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 10800; permit #717631; API #461-37455

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate #2033
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; Throckmorton CSL; A-543, Blk N A, Sec 2; 1792 FSL 1191 FEL of lse; 5925 FNL 5900 FEL of survey; 18.8 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 11200; permit #717685; API #461-37456

Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
Weir J.C. 12 #3
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; Mk & TE RR Co./Bishop, R R; A-702, Blk 2, Sec 12; 574.3 FNL 1159.5 FWL of lse 2243.9 FNL 1729.4 FEL of survey; 8.8 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 10000; permit #701488; API #461-36952

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate #2063
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; Throckmorton CSL; A-543, Blk N A, Sec 2; 1700 FNL 4600 FWL of lse; 1700 FNL 4600 FWL of survey; 20.6 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 11300; permit #717997; API #461-37470

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Andrews County

COG Oper. LLC
Bitler Lowe (B) #21
Fullerton-D; PSL;Odessa Ranch Co.; A-2027, Blk A32, Sec 11; 2640 FEL 205 FNL of lse; 2640 FEL 2440 FSL of survey; 15.8 miles NW of Andrews; obj: 8000; permit #717465; API #003-43007

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
MA Thornberry Consolidated III #41
Fuhrman-Mascho-D; PSL;Thornberry, M A; A-2208, Blk A42, Sec 4; 118 FNL 740 FWL of lse; 740 FWL 1200 FSL of survey; 11 miles SW of Andrews; obj: 4900; permit #717693; API #003-43017

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Bush-Rasmussen #25
Fuhrman-Mascho-D; PSL/Goolsby, D A; A-1551, Blk A47, Sec 3; 840 FNL 1550 FEL of lse; 840 FNL 1550 FEL of survey; 12 miles SW of Andrews; obj: 4900; permit #717936; API #003-43030

Crane County

Apache Corp.
Tubb, J.B. "F" #38
Sand Hills (Judkins)-D; PSL/Tubb, J B; A-1136, Blk 32, Sec 30; 330 FNL 330 FWL of lse; 330 FNL 330 FWL of survey; 15.6 miles W of Crane; obj: 5000; permit #716045; API #103-35849

Ector County

Windsor Permian LLC
WHL #207
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Midland, West (Strawn)-Recompletion; T & P RR Co./Wheat, C C; A-677, Blk 42, T1S, Sec 2; 1650 FNL 1650 FEL of lse; 1650 FNL 1650 FEL of survey; 1.5 miles SE of Gardendale; obj: 10900; permit #717751; API #135-40340

ConocoPhillips Co.
Cowden, Clyde #248
Goldsmith (Clear Fork)-D; T & P RR Co./Sellers, J A; A-791, Blk 44, T1S, Sec 24; 6916 FSL 810 FEL of lse; 1605 FSL 810 FEL of survey; 14 miles NW of Odessa; obj: 7300; permit #716308; API #135-41218

Fasken Oil & Ranch, LTD.
Fee "BB" #2303
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Lowe, West (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co., A-59, Blk 41, T1S, Sec 23; 330 FNL 660 FWL of lse; 330 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 5 miles E of Gardendale; obj: 11400; permit #717569; API #135-41206

Glasscock County

Apache Corp.
Nichols 22 #2
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Garden City, S (Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co./Jackson, G; A-824, Blk 34, T3S, Sec 22; 1507 FNL 178 FEL of lse; 1507 FNL 178 FEL of survey; 6.1 miles NW of Garden City; obj: 11000; permit #717437; API #173-34251

Berry Oil Co.
Zant #4701
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Berryhill (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co., A-383, Blk 36, T2S, Sec 47; 467 FWL 5898 FNL of lse; 467 FWL 467 FNL of survey; 5.1 miles NE of Spraberry; obj: 12000; permit #717710; API #173-34268

COG Oper. LLC
Currie "E" #4203
Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp) & R.W.P. (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Currie, J; A-682, Blk 32, T4S, Sec 42; 467 FWL 2630 FSL of lse; 467 FWL 2630 FSL of survey; 8.3 miles SE of Garden City; obj: 10800; permit #717728; API #173-34269

Crownquest Oper., LLC
Dodson Trust 12 #2
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Hill Ranch (Miss)-D; T & P RR Co./Wade, RR; A-528, Blk 35, T2S, Sec 12; 660 FWL 660 FSL of lse; 660 FWL 1980 FNL of survey; 10.4 miles SE of Stanton; obj: 11500; permit #716902; API #173-34232

Howard County

Sharp Image Energy, Inc.
Primero 42 #C 4
Primero (Wolfcamp, Lower)-Re-Enter; T & P RR Co./Morgan, J R; A-1306, Blk 31, T1N, Sec 42; 640 FWL 2186 FNL of lse; 640 FWL 2186 FNL of survey; 6 miles NE of Big Spring; obj: 9550; permit #717280; API #227-33935

Martin County

OXY USA Inc.
Mabee 139 #303
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Betty Sue (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-449, Blk 39, T1S, Sec 7; 7306 FNL 4736 FWL of lse; 1980 FNL 540 FEL of survey; 23.1 miles W of Stanton; obj: 12500; permit #711941; API #317-36710

Midland County

Linn Oper., Inc.
Nobles #3310
Betty Sue (Strawn)-Recompletion; T & P RR Co.; A-824, Blk 40, T1S, Sec 33; 558 FNL 3019 FEL of lse; 558 FNL 2258 FWL of survey; 8.1 miles W of Midland; obj: 10760; permit #716290; API #329-36257

Berry Oil Co.
TRD B #3
Spraberry (Trend Area)&(Trend Area Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Wilson, G H M; A-1063, Blk 39, T2S, Sec 44; 467 FWL 488 FNL of lse; 467 FWL 2173 FSL of survey; 9 miles S of Midland; obj: 12000; permit #717760; API #329-37376

Pecos County

Avra Oil Co.
Crockett 5 #4
Fromme-Recompletion; TC RR Co., A-5192, Blk 110, Sec 5, 330 FWL 345 FNEL of lse; 3780 FSL 345 FNEL of survey; 10 miles SE of Imperial; obj: 1418; permit #715948; API #371-81909

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Allison #202
Pinon (Overthrust)-D; Deckie, J A/Forbis, J C; A-5329, Blk 600, Sec 2; 1312 FSL 6252 FWL of lse; 1865 FNL 1380 FEL of survey; 27 miles S of Fort Stockton; obj: 14000; permit #693178; API #371-38659

Reeves County

Thompson, J. Cleo
Marinsky 8 #2W
Balmorhea Ranch (Bell Canyon L)-D; T & P RR Co./Crighton, H M; A-5569, Blk 50, T7S, Sec 8; 2400 FNL 1950 FEL of lse; 2400 FNL 1950 FEL of survey; 13 miles NW of Pecos; obj: 6550; permit #713012; API #389-32791

Whiting Oil & Gas Corp.
Collier #1201
Wolfbone (Trend Area) & Sixty-Nine (Delaware)-D; H & GN RR Co./Collier, H T; A-4489, Blk 7, Sec 12; 550 FWL 660 FSL of lse; 550 FWL 660 FSL of survey; 25 miles SE of Pecos; obj: 12000; permit #710189; API #389-32753

Ward County

Cimarex Energy Co.
True Grit 1-1 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-D; W & NW RR Co., A-326, Blk 1, Sec 1; 524 FSEL 495 FNEL of lse; 524 FSEL 1943 FNEL of survey; 9.2 miles NW of Barstow; obj: 11000; permit #711211; API #475-35719

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
University 16-24 #1D
Caprito (Delaware Middle)-D, UL, A-U24, Blk 16, Sec 24; 1130 FEL 1320 FNL of lse; 1520 FWL 1320 FNL of survey; 3 miles SE of Pyote; obj: 5700; permit #717864; API #475-35813

Winkler County

Quantum Res. Mgmt., LLC
Mitchell "D" #1
G.P.M. (Tubb) & Monahans, North (Clearfork)-Recompletion; PSL/Birchfield, A H; A-185, Blk B10, Sec 25; 760 FSL 512 FEL of lse; 760 FSL 2140 FWL of survey; 10 miles S of Kermit; obj: 12354; permit #717688; API #495-32702

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Borden County

SM Energy Co.
Tonya #403H
Mesquite Creek (Miss.)-D; T & P RR Co./Nevels, R F; A-968, Blk 31, T5N, Sec 4; 227 FSL 1761 FEL of lse; 227 FSL 1761 FEL of survey; 5.7 miles NW of Gail; obj: 10200; permit #699967; API #033-32117

Cochran County

Tema Oil & Gas Co.
Stuart P. Wright #13
Levelland-D; Brewster CSL/Labor 26; A-84, Blk N/A, Sec 98; 3093 FEL 884 FNL of lse; 440 FEL 440 FSL of survey; 7 miles S of Morton; obj: 5000; permit #717634; API #079-33238

Crosby County

Juno Oper. Co. II, LLC
Bryant, B-1045, Stal #4571
Hoople (Clear Fork)-D; H & OB RR Co.; A-268, Blk 1, Sec 1045; 720 FWL 720 FSL of lse; 720 FWL 720 FSL of survey; 10.6 miles NE of Slaton; obj: 5000; permit #717545; API #107-31327

Sheridan Prod. Co., LLC
Ridge Upper Clearfork Unit #2045
Hoople (Clear Fork)-D; EL & RR RR. Co.; A-345, Blk N/A, Sec 1071; 1983 FNL 2629 FEL of lse; 1983 FNL 2629 FEL of survey; 10.5 miles NE of Slaton; obj: 5000; permit #717620; API #107-31332

Gaines County

Parallel Pet. LLC
Harris San Andres Unit #1518B
Harris (San Andres)-D; PSL/Elam, L B; A-1559, Blk A22, Sec 15; 1200 FNL 330 FEL of lse; 1200 FNL 1651 FEL of survey; 12 miles S of Seminole; obj: 5500; permit #717625; API #165-37411

Kent County

Cholla Pet., Inc.
Mayer #1
Long-Hall (Tannehill)-D; H & GN RR Co.; A-520, Blk 1, Sec 123; 2189 FNL 2168 FEL of lse; 2189 FNL 2168 FEL of survey; 1 mile E of Girard; obj: 4999; permit #717709; API #263-31959

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Oper. LLC
G J West Coop Unit #284
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 28; 1650 FSL 1626 FEL; 6 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 6200 Yeso; API #30-015-39044

COG Oper. LLC
G J West Coop Unit #285
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 28; 1650 FSL 2410 FWL; 6 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 6150 Yeso; API #30-015-39045

COG Oper. LLC
G J West Coop Unit #274
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 27; 1650 FSL 210 FWL; 5 miles SW of Loco Hills; Rot 6200 Yeso; API #30-015-39039

COG Oper. LLC
G J West Coop Unit #286
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 28; 1450 FSL 1450 FWL; 6 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 6150 Yeso; API #30-015-39046

Devon Energy Prod. Co. LP
H B 2 State #7
Cedar Canyon; T24S, R29E, Sec 2; 200 FSL 420 FWL; 6 miles NE of Malaga; Rot 11824 Bone Spring; API #30-015-39037

EOG Res. Inc.
Vend 10 Fed #4
SE Willow Lake; T25S, R29E, Sec 15; 10 FNL 820 FWL; 9 miles SE of Malaga; Rot 12109 Bone Spring; API #30-015-39017

COG Oper. LLC
G J West Coop Unit #275
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 27; 1162 FSL 330 FWL; 5 miles SW of Loco Hills; Rot 5000 Yeso; API #30-015-39040

COG Oper. LLC
G J West Coop Unit #288
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 28; 2247 FSL 330 FWL; 6 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 6150 Yeso; API #30-015-39048

Lea County

ConocoPhillips Co.
Tourmaline State #3
West Maljamar; T17S, R32E, Sec 16; 608 FSL 2304 FEL; 1 mile S of Maljamar; Rot 7200 Yeso; API #30-025-40139

ConocoPhillips Co.
Tourmaline State #4
West Maljamar; T17S, R32E, Sec 16; 990 FSL 1800 FEL; 1 mile S of Maljamar; Rot 7200 Yeso; API #30-025-40140

Primero Oper. Inc.
Diva #1
Baum; T14S, R33E, Sec 18; 2460 FNL 660 FEL; 20 miles SE of Caprock; Rot 10300 U/Penn; API #30-025-40141

Apache Corp.
Anderson #6
Monument; T20S, R37E, Sec 8; 1680 FSL 2310 FWL; 1.5 miles SW of Maljamar; Rot 7700 Abo; API #30-025-40145

ConocoPhillips Co.
Aquamarine State #4
West Maljamar; T17S, R32E, Sec 16; 990 FSL 330 FEL; 1 mile S of Maljamar; Rot 7200 Yeso; API #30-025-40138

Apache Corp.
Bunin #9
Blinebry; T21S, R37E, Sec 13; 990 FNL 330 FEL; 3 miles NE of Eunice; Rot 7500 Abo; API #30-025-40144

COMPLETIONS

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341,022# 16/30 Siberprop. IP 4-10-11 Pump 24 hrs 115 BO, 361 BW, 115 MCF, Gty 40; API #30-015-38175

COG Oper. LLC
Electra Fed #58
Loco Hills, T17S, R30E, Sec 10, 580 FNL 1650 FEL, EL 3717 GL, TD 6145, PBTD 6099. Spud 2-16-11. Comp 3-23-11. production is through treated perfs: 4550-4800; Treat: Acdz w/10,500 gals 15% Hcl, Frac w/450,000 gals gel, 537,738# 16/30 white sd, 125,730# 16/30 CRC. IP 3-29-11 Pump 24 hrs 277 BO, 712 BW, 279 MCF, Gty 38.6; API #30-015-38182

Premier Oil & Gas Inc
Dale H Parke C #23
Loco Hills, T17S, R30E, Sec 15, 330 FSL 480 FEL, EL 3676 GL, TD 6228, PBTD 6230. Spud 2-16-11. Comp 2-26-11; production is through treated perfs: 4550-4840; Treat: 4000 gals MSA acid, Frac w/685,969 gals crosslink carrying 914329# sd; IP 4-4-11 Pump 24 hrs 28 BO, 377 BW, 221 MCF; API #30-015-36762

Devon Energy Prod. Co. LP
Strawberry 7 Fed Com #6
North Hackberry; T19S, R31E, Sec 7; 1650 FSL 340 FEL; EL 3465 GL; TD 13,189; PBTD 13,148; Spud 10-18-10; Comp 11-29-10; production is through treated perfs: 9000-13120; Treat: Frac w/47,394# 100 mesh sd, 1,143,135# 20/40 white sd, 321,339# 20/40 super LC sd; IP: 12-28-10 Pump 24 hrs 260 BO, 600 BW, 230 MCF, GOR 884,615; API #30-015-38195

BOPCO, LP
North Indian Flats 24 Fed #10
Indian Flats; T21S, R28E, Sec 24; 2180 FSL 1980 FWL; EL 3180 GL; TD 3200; PBTD 3200; Spud 10-14-10; Comp 11-5-10; production is through treated perfs: 2908-2913; Treat: Acdz w/500 gals 7.5% HCL; IP: 11-11-10 Pump 24 hrs 69 BO, 54 BW, 1 MCF, GOR 14,49, Gty 43.3; API #30-015-38196

Lea County

Yates Pet. Corp.
Milsap State Unit #3
East Hightower; T12S, R33E, Sec 25; 1878 FSL 1874 FWL, EL 4233 GL; TD 12,849; PBTD 10,130; Spud 12-27-10; Comp 4-23-11; production is through treated perfs: 9824-9988; Treat: 6500 gals 20% NEFE w/252 BS; IP: 4-27-11 Pump 24 hrs 14 BO, 42 BW, 0 MCF; API #30-025-39753

COG Oper. LLC
J C Fed #41
West Maljamar; T17S, R32E, Sec 22; 990 FNL 330 FEL, EL 4017 GL, TD 7140; PBTD 7082; Spud 2-18-11; Comp 3-25-11; production is through treated perfs: 5550-5675; Treat: Acdz w/14,200 gals 15% acid, Frac w/467,597 gals gel, 492,529# 16/30 Ottawa Sd, 101,646# 16/30 Siberprop; IP: 4-2-11 Pump 24 hrs 91 BO, 369 BW, 160 MCF, Gty 39; API #30-025-39859

Mack Energy Corp.
Paint State #1
Reeves; T18S, R35E, Sec 1; 1650 FNL 990 FWL; EL 3889 GL; TD 8017; PBTD 8017; Spud 2-27-11; Comp 4-28-11; production is through treated perfs: 7751-7956; Treat: Acdz w/3500 gals 15% Hcl, Frac w/148,223# 20/40 white sd, 57,569# SB excel 20/40, 129,599 gals Viking 2500, 7392 gals Aqua Frac w/168 gals Techni-HIB; IP: 5-11-11 Pump 24 hrs 6 BO, 41 BW, 7 MCF, GOR 1166, Gty 39.7; API #30-025-39954

Apache Corp.
Lucky Strike #3
Blinebry & House; T20S, R38E, Sec 14; 2310 FSL 330 FEL; EL 3576 GL; TD 7350; PBTD 7301; Spud 2-23-11; Comp 4-1-11; production is through treated perfs: 6024-6330; Treat: 8296 gals 15% acid, 91,056 gals SS-30, 236,859# sd, 16758 gals gel; IP: 4-21-11 Pump 24 hrs 12 BO, 42 BW, 68 MCF, GOR 5667, Gty 36.3; API #30-025-40020

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FRACTURING

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more operators back to the Permian Basin over the past decade to revisit mature oil fields that everyone thought had been tapped out.

"You just wouldn't be able to get the same volume out of oil out of the ground with a traditional drilling process," Shepperd said. "Fracturing allows you to get massive amounts more oil out."

Shepperd estimates fracturing is performed on at least 75 percent of the wells drilled in the Permian Basin these days — probably more.

He also said the well stimulation technique requires at least two to three times more water than conventional extraction methods.

Most estimates show the amount of water required to fracture a well is 50,000 gallons to 4 million gallons, depending on the nature of the rock being penetrated. But some show per well use can be as high as 13 million gallons — roughly the same amount of water San Angelo would use in one day in the winter.

WHY FRESH WATER?

By most accounts, almost all the water being used for fracturing in Texas is fresh water, as opposed to the non-potable brackish water that often is found deeper underground.

Some operators purchase water from landowners or even cities and truck it in. But most forgo the added expense and drill water wells on site, store the water in pits temporarily and then haul it in trucks to oil well sites, where it is stored in 20,000-gallon tanks before it is turned into "frac fluid" and shot back into the ground.

Industry officials say use of fresh water, at least in Texas, is less a matter of easy access or cost than effectiveness.

"For some purposes, brackish water is just fine, but for fracturing and given the specific sort of engineering and pressure they're using, it's better to have fewer impurities in the water, so fresh water works better," Shepperd said.

He said he doesn't know of any company in West Texas that uses brackish water, which he notes is "very, very plentiful."

Houston-based EOG Resources Inc., one of a few oil and gas companies operating in Crockett County, said in a written statement that "most operators do utilize freshwater for the fluid used in well drilling and completion operations, including fracture stimulations" in Crockett County.

"However, EOG also currently recycles water used in drilling activities when it makes sense to do so and is aggressively pursuing new options for additional recycling opportunities," the statement reads. "When possible, the company also uses brackish water in its operations."

Patrick Cassidy, a spokesman for Apache, said the company is "looking at ways to use saline aquifers in West Texas" because they are doing so in Canada. But for now, the company uses only fresh water because "it's a different type of rock."

"We don't know if we can use brackish water in West Texas at this point. We are looking into it," Cassidy said.

However, in Alberta, where most of Canada's oil production takes place, the industry is subject to similar regulations as other users, which is not the case in Texas. According to the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, water use for oil and gas exploration is capped at 8 percent of total allocation.

OBJECTIONS ARISE

Several years ago, fracturing was used primarily to extract natural gas, but oil companies eventually found it was just as effective for making oil flow.

As the price of crude has increased and the University of Texas System has begun selling more oil and mineral leases on the 2.1 million acres it owns in the region, some operators have drifted farther south outside established shale plays, which contain mostly natural gas, into oil-rich Concho Valley counties such as Crockett, Schleicher, Sutton, Sterling, Glasscock and Irion.

Amid the brutal drought, competing users and local groundwater conservation districts in this part of the state see the industry's unregulated, gluttonous use of fresh water as a huge problem.

"I want them to quit using fresh water for fracturing," said Slate Williams, general manager of the Crockett Groundwater Conservation District.

The state's conservation districts, which are charged with managing local groundwater supplies, are legally required to set "desired future conditions," which is how much water they estimate their aquifers should contain in 50 years — a difficult task when they don't know how much water is being used.

The issue also has gotten the attention of the Legislature and Gov. Rick Perry, who recently signed a bill that will require companies to disclose how much water they use in fracking treatments on each well.

Districts say the law will help them estimate use more accurately but gives them no power to control it.

As oil production has picked up in the past two years, Williams said he has heard from a growing number of ranchers and landowners who never had experienced drawdown on their private wells but now are having problems with diminished flows.

Williams said the only visible change, other than the severity of this particular dry spell, is the increasing amount of water being pumped out of the Edwards-Trinity Plateau Aquifer, a massive, 34,000-square-mile water-bearing formation that is the sole water supply for Crockett and other rural Concho Valley counties.

In Crockett County, where there is not as much farming because of the lack of water for irrigation and poor soil quality, Williams said water use for fracturing could soon make up more than 25 percent of the county's annual water use.

"It adds up, and it's a lot more usage than we've ever had," he said.

Williams said the level of the aquifer has declined steadily over the past decades and that it recharges locally only when the county has received at least 80 percent of its 15-inch average annual rainfall.

Since October, the county has received less than 2 inches of rain.

"It is declining year after year, so fracturing or any little thing makes it speed up that much more," said Williams, who began requesting water use reports from local operators a few months ago. They have been willing to provide them, he said.

A report from EOG Resources shows that it used 6.2 million gallons of water to drill six wells in the county in May.

Williams isn't anti-oil but says there is a limited amount of fresh water available to sustain the area's ranching and "quality of life" and that companies have other options available to them, including the use of brackish water.

"We don't want to stop them from drilling, but water is a scarce resource that we can't do without," he said.

Dr. Marcus Sims, who owns a small ranch north of Ozona, said the volume of water coming from the well he uses to water his livestock is the weakest it has been since he bought the land in 2001.

Sims said he is not sure what to attribute it to — the drought or the increased pumping for oil production — and he doesn't have a problem with landowners selling water or companies making a profit by using it. However, he said he thinks eventually "the oil and gas companies are going to have to figure out a way to use something besides fresh water."

"Until it becomes economically in their best interest, they're going to stay with what they're doing," Sims said. "I'm a capitalist person, and you do what's most economically feasible for your business to make a profit, and I don't have a problem with anybody making a profit. But if it depletes the underground water tables, then we're all going to have a problem."

'EXEMPT USE'

Under Chapter 36 of the state water code, use of potable groundwater for oil and natural gas exploration is exempt from the permit and regulatory requirements of conservation districts. That means operators are free to drill as many water wells as they want and use as much fresh groundwater as they need with few restrictions or guidelines.

Operators are required to obtain a permit from the Texas Railroad Commission to drill a water well, as well as report their monthly use to a local conservation district — but only if they are using brackish water. The commission, the industry's governmental overseer, issued only 33 such permits to operators in the last two years.

The conservation districts eye the exemption with resentment as they prepare to calculate the desired future conditions of their aquifers with no real legal authority to demand information on use or to regulate it.

Many ranchers and farmers, who are subject to the authority of the districts, make a profit selling water to operators. But as their own wells falter, some are viewing the company's unrestricted use with concern or even envy.

During a water conference in Sonora in May, one upset rancher asked whether the Railroad Commission can restrict water use for fracturing during droughts.

Jim Polonis, general manager of the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District, told him oil companies can pump as much fresh groundwater as they want without acquiring a permit.

"They can do it because it's under the auspices of the Railroad Commission," Polonis said.

"I'm taking issue with it," he said.

Although the districts don't think the companies should be able to pump all the water they want, Polonis said "our main push is to get the information we have to have in order to present a balanced picture of the aquifer and the way we need to have it in 50 years."

Austin-based water attorney Rick Lowerre, who has represented conservation districts and farmers and ranchers, said most conservation districts have more authority to require information from operators than they realize, even without the passage of the new disclosure law.

But he said they have little power to control how much water is used.

"Districts can certainly ask for and demand information on exempt wells," Lowerre said. "But generally, they're not going to be able to require a permit and limit production."

The state's conservation districts have varying degrees of authority because they were created individually under different laws. Although they may have the right to request water use reports, many say they are virtually powerless to compel companies to provide it.

"We don't have much recourse if they don't," said Polonis, who has organized an educational conference on fracturing in San Angelo in July.

Polonis said he has requested water use data from some companies but has had no luck.

"I've asked," Polonis said. "They say, 'We'll get back to you.'"

The next state water plan will be the first to account for water use for fracturing, said Robert Mace, a deputy executive administrator with the Texas Water Development Board, the state agency charged with long-term water planning.

Mace said it hasn't been a part of the plan before "because it's a relatively recent phenomena" and that the state's last five-year water planning cycle ended only last summer.

"Early in the planning process, they get the demand numbers, so fracturing really wasn't an issue back in 2006," Mace said.

San Angelo Water Utilities Director Will Wilde, a member of the Texas Water Development Board's Region F Water Planning Group, said water use for fracturing is something the members will be learning about over the next few months.

"We're definitely going to have to take a look at it," Wilde said.

A SIMILAR PREDICAMENT

Lowerre recalls a similar conflict over water use in the Texas Panhandle in the 1980s when oil and gas companies were using large amounts of water from the Ogallala Aquifer to stimulate declining production in older wells in a process known as "secondary recovery."

Lowerre lobbied for a law that now requires operators to tell the Railroad Commission that brackish water is not available before they can use fresh water for secondary recovery.

But there is not yet an equivalent law for fracking, and Lowerre said companies will continue to use fresh groundwater until they are forced to look at alternatives.

"It took people pointing out the problems, how much water is being used and that there are alternatives, and that's really what needs to happen is these districts," Lowerre said. "There is no easy solution right now, but the companies are going to use groundwater until there's some political pressure or a law."

The disclosure bill passed by the Legislature requires companies to report "the total volume of water used in the hydraulic fracturing treatment," as well as the chemicals they use in their frac fluid.

Conservation districts say the law is "a good start" in terms of transparency but note it doesn't promote conservation of a precious resource because it doesn't subject companies to the same limits as everyone else.

"It's not good enough for me because we'd still like to see them have to permit them and meet the district rules just like the farmers do," said Rick Harston, general manager of the Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District. "The problem we're having is they're exempt from our rules and they can basically drill water wells anywhere they want to."

For this year's legislative session, Harston said he asked several state lawmakers to file a bill that would have made oil and gas companies subject to district permitting and regulation requirements.

"I tried to change it this session and I couldn't get anyone to file a bill," Harston said.

He declined to identify the lawmakers he approached because he plans to try again next session and doesn't want to jeopardize his efforts.

"We weren't trying to stop them from using the water, but we just think they ought to be on the same playing field as irrigated farmers," Harston said.

Harston said he has been receiving three or four phone calls a day from farmers and ranchers who are experiencing drawdown on their wells. He said the district limits farmers and ranchers to 16 water wells per section, which is 640 acres.

NOWHERE TO GO BUT UP

Projections show water use for fracturing is expected to increase exponentially over the next decade.

The Texas Water Development Board estimates the total amount of water used for fracking statewide in 2010 was 13.5 billion gallons — roughly 2-1/2 times what San Angelo uses in an average year. That's likely to more than double by 2020 and decline gradually each decade after that until dropping back down to current levels between 2050 and 2060.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates water use for fracking nationwide was 70 billion to 140 billion gallons in 2010.

Water use for oil and gas drilling still makes up less than 2 percent of overall water use in Texas, but fracturing is just beginning to gather steam in places such as the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas.

A few companies are recycling and reusing the small amount of the so-called "flowback" from each fracturing job. Some, including Apache, say they are looking into it.

But most opt to dispose of the contaminated fluid by injecting it thousands of feet below the ground. That practice has raised widespread concern because it has been linked to cases of groundwater contamination.

Operators say the practice injects fluid too far below the base of usable water for it to be hazardous.

Estimating the water consumption of a fledgling but exploding technology is precarious, said Jean-Philippe Nicot, a research scientist in the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas.

"It's likely to keep climbing, just like a gold rush," said Nicot, who calculated the future use estimates for the Texas Water Development Board. "You get many more companies coming in and trying to get access to the play, but then the play is exhausted after some time, so the water use and the gas production goes down."

Nicot said one of the unpredictable variables is "re-fracturing."

"The big question is: Should you come back after, say, five years and refracture the well again, do the same thing to try to get more gas? And it seems like some companies do it, but most don't — but that may change," Nicot said. "And obviously, that's a big unknown in terms of water use."

LOCALIZED IMPACT

The negative effect of using fresh groundwater on local wells is not as issue in most places as it has been in Crockett County.

Ken Rainwater, a hydrology professor at Texas Tech University, said water use for oil and gas exploration pales in comparison to municipal and agricultural use.

But although the overall use is "minuscule" and doesn't have an effect on an aquifer's overall level, Rainwater said it can have a noticeable and serious effect on levels in certain areas.

"Water use for irrigation is a lot bigger than anything else we do," Rainwater said. "But still, locally, if you're the guy next to where they're pumping water for this process, you're concerned."

Nicot agrees. "From a regional standpoint, it's not a problem," he said. "All these large water bodies, all the large aquifers can take it, but locally you may run into issues because there are too many users."

'A LONGER-TERM SOLUTION'

Most oil companies are not dismissive of concerns about the growing use of a scarce resource.

"Water is an issue and fresh water is an issue, and it's something we've all got to be conscious of and look for a longer-term solution as we continue to get more active in certain areas," said Christmann of Apache.

"It's something we're aware of, it's something we're conscious of, and it's something that we do feel like we have to take good steps to protect and preserve."

Christmann said oil-bearing formations in many cases "respond better to fresh water" and finding freshwater to use is mostly about what's closest and cheapest. The company fractures 60 to 75 percent of its wells.

"You're going to look at a job and where we're securing our water sources from, and like anything else, you want to watch your costs, but you also have to get the products that you need and be mindful of what you're using," he said.

Oklahoma City-based Devon Energy, which operates mostly in the Barnett Shale in Texas, has been recycling and reusing some of the flowback from its fracking jobs since 2004.

Chip Minty, a company spokesman, said it is a voluntary endeavor that the company wanted to do to reduce the effects on local water supplies.

"It would be less expensive for us to carry that water to a disposal well and dispose of it that way, but we chose a way to recycle that water so we could reclaim it and reuse it and reduce our demand for fresh water from local water resources like wells or surface water," Minty said.

Christmann said they are hopeful about finding a "balance" where all water users can have a peaceful co-existence.

That doesn't change the fact that hydraulic fracturing is the new cornerstone of the oil and gas business, in Texas and elsewhere.

"You would not be drilling these wells and producing these wells otherwise," Christmann said. "Fracturing is a critical part of our business out here; and there's no doubt that without the technology, you're not going to have the activity out here that you have today."

WATER USE FOR HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

TOTAL PROJECTED DEMAND (ACRE FEET)*

REGION/SHALE	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060
Barnett	27,900	40,300	17,400	1,900	0	0
Haynesville	0	400	1,400	1,200	600	100
Bossier	800	7,300	4,900	3,300	1,700	200
Eagle Ford	600	17,600	31,900	27,200	20,900	14,600
Woodford	0	300	9,300	7,300	5,700	4,100
Pearsall	0	2,500	7,600	6,00	4,700	3,400
Wolfberry	1,700	9,500	9,000	5,500	2,300	0
East Texas tight-gas plays	3,500	5,200	4,600	3,100	1,500	100
Anadarko	1,900	3,100	300	0	0	0
South Gulf Coast Basin	900	1,800	2,300	1,700	1,100	500
Permian Basin	4,300	7,200	4,200	1,200	0	0
ANNUAL TOTALS	41,600	97,900	92,900	58,400	68,500	23,000

*1 ACRE FOOT = 325,851 GALLONS

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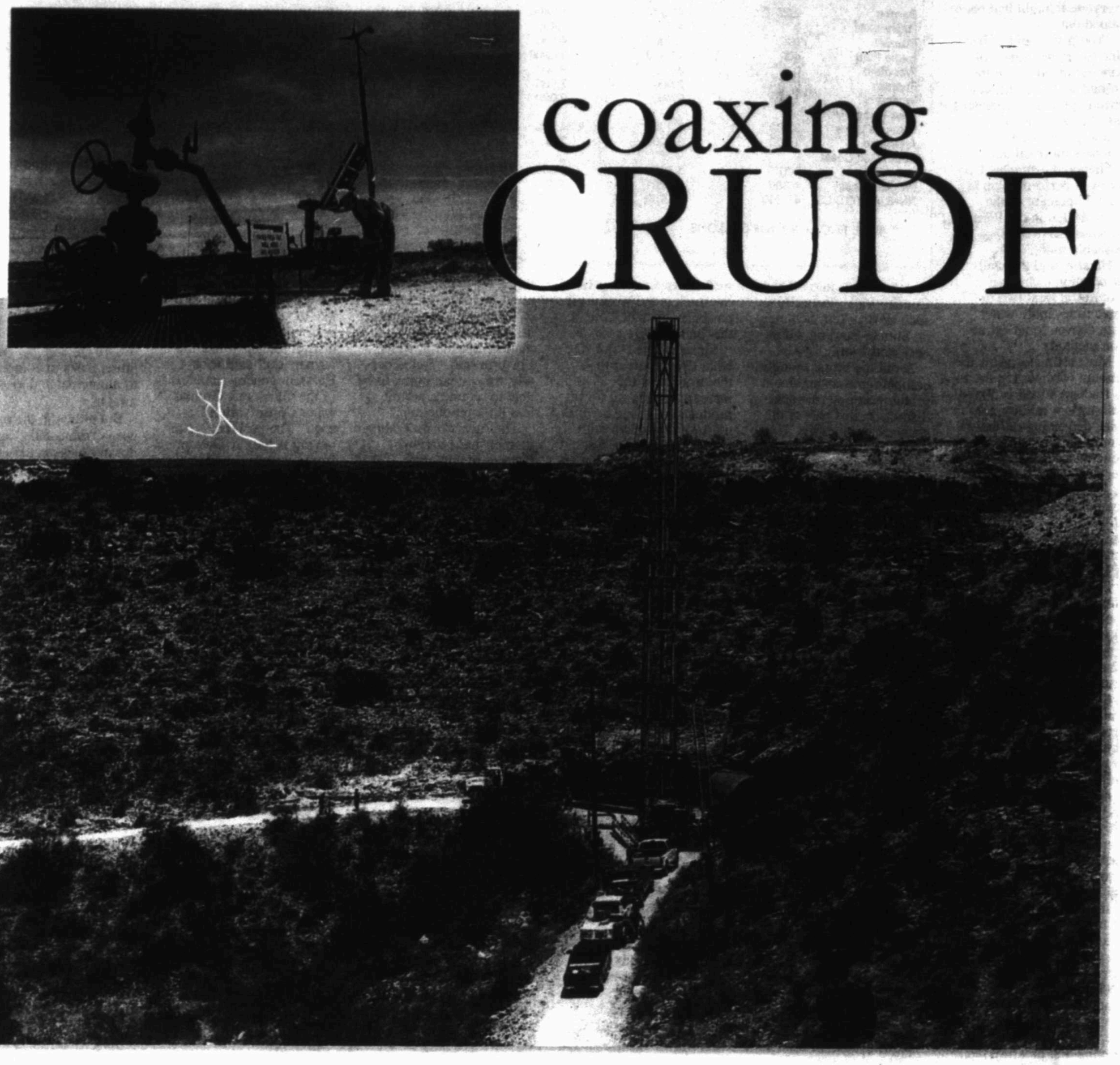

coaxing CRUDE

Kinder Morgan looks at ways to stem decline of West Texas field

By Brett Clanton
Houston Chronicle

IRAAN —

An hour and a half drive south of Midland, where dusty flatlands give way to mesas, people are scarce and strong winds keep hundreds of giant white wind turbines spinning, a Houston company is trying to coax more crude from a historic field long past its prime.

The Yates Field, among the largest ever found in the U.S., has been in continuous production for 85 years and has been exploited by a list of oil companies, some of them no longer in existence.

But scientists believe massive amounts of oil still remain stranded in the rocks - and oil prices near $100 a barrel have raised the urgency to get more of it out.

Houston pipeline giant Kinder Morgan, the field's owner since 2003, will tell you that's easier said than done.

The company had initial success reversing years of declines at Yates by injecting large quantities of carbon dioxide into the field. The technique has been used since the 1970s in mature West Texas fields to help free trapped oil. But recently production has dropped again.

"What we're trying to do now is stabilize the decline," Darrell Ricketson, vice president of Permian Basin oil and gas operations at the firm, said during a recent tour of the famed field in eastern Pecos County. That may soon include experimenting with alternate recovery methods, like injecting steam or chemicals.

Keeping old oil fields on life support may seem less exciting than exploring for crude in the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico or Brazil, but the prize for such work can be big.

The U.S. has an estimated 1.1 trillion barrels of undeveloped oil resources still in the ground. About 430 billion barrels of that is recoverable using today's technology, including enhanced oil recovery techniques like carbon dioxide injection, according to the U.S. Energy Department. That's enough to meet U.S. oil needs for 60 years.

Enhanced recovery

Higher crude prices have made enhanced oil recovery projects even more attractive.

Last month, for instance, Exxon Mobil Corp. began injecting carbon dioxide into the 80-year-old Means Field in Andrews County. It hopes to extract an additional 5 million barrels of oil on top of the 300 million the field has already produced.

California's Occidental Petroleum Corp., the largest oil producer in Texas, said it did development work on 11 carbon dioxide projects in the Permian Basin last year, nearly double what it did in 2009.

Conventional methods, like pumping, typically can only produce about 10 percent of a field's oil.

Recoveries can rise as high as 40 percent with secondary techniques, like injecting water to flush out oil and steer it to production wells.

And recovery can reach 60 percent with enhanced, or tertiary, oil recovery methods including carbon dioxide injection, which lowers the viscosity of stranded crude so it flows out more easily.

"You're kind of introducing a new person in the neighborhood, so the other folks got to move a little bit to make room," said Eric Potter, program director for energy research at the University of Texas' Bureau of Economic Geology.

Carbon dioxide injection has been used widely in the depleted oil reservoirs in West Texas' Permian Basin because the geology responds well to the technique and the infrastructure is in place to do it. But some producers still steer clear because projects require large up-front investments and can take years to pay off.

Wrestled with the field

Kinder Morgan, which bought Yates and related assets from Marathon Oil Corp. for $231 million, sometimes has wrestled with the field to get the desired results.

"The reservoir is so fractured that the carbon dioxide wants to short-circuit into areas you don't want it to," Ricketson said. Because the reservoir is also shallow and has low pressure, the company is forced to use a less effective carbon dioxide injection process, he said.

Last year, oil production at Yates fell 9 percent to 24,000 barrels per day and is down to 22,000 barrels per day through May of this year, Kinder Morgan said. At its 1981 peak, the field produced 175,000 barrels per day.

It's a long fall for a giant field that helped put Texas on the global oil map and began with a famously lucky land deal.

In 1915, Ira G. Yates Jr. acquired the 16,640-acre Pecos River Ranch in what many at the time said was an ill-advised trade for his successful dry goods store in nearby Rankin.

But that transaction made him a millionaire after Transcontinental Oil and Mid-Kansas Oil Co., a subsidiary of the Ohio Oil Co., struck oil on Oct. 29, 1926 - Yates' 67th birthday. That original well, still in production today, was so big that oil gushing from it that first day was said to smear the hillside

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BP economist says output needs to rise as global economy revives

By Brett Clanton
Houston Chronicle

A top economist with British oil giant BP said TOPEC needs to boost crude production to meet demand in a rebounding global economy amid civil unrest in Libya that continues to halt output there.

"To maintain a market balance, our numbers suggest that OPEC production needs to be in the ballpark of 1 million barrels per day higher than it is now," Mark Finley, BP's general manager of global energy markets, told reporters after a presentation of the company's 60th annual Statistical Review of World Energy at Rice University.

The 12 members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries collectively produced an average 29.2 million barrels per day in May, according to the International Energy Agency.

Earlier this month, OPEC delegates failed to reach consensus on lifting crude production, despite pressure to do so from the U.S. and other countries. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates had been poised to boost output, but Iran, Venezuela and others opposed the idea.

With no action, high crude prices are threatening the nascent economic recovery.

Oil futures have climbed 20 percent in the past year.

The run-up has tracked widening political tensions this spring in the Middle East and North Africa, home to 40 percent of the world's oil production.

A revolt in Libya has forced oil companies to suspend some 1.6 million barrels per day of oil production.

Not an instant process

Recently, there have been signs that Saudi Arabia has been quietly ramping up output to help cover the gap, yet the oil is likely to take time to get to market, David Fyfe, head of the International Energy Agency's oil industry and markets division, told reporters in Washington, according to Bloomberg News.

Oil producers and political analysts have downplayed fears political unrest could spread to other key oil-producing nations in the region, further hampering output.

But Amy Myers Jaffe, director of the Energy Forum at Rice University's Baker Institute, said such "contagion" fears are not unfounded.

She pointed to protests in Saudi Arabia even before demonstrations in Egypt and Tunisia, as well as continued instability in Syria, Yemen and other nations in the region with high unemployment and young populations.

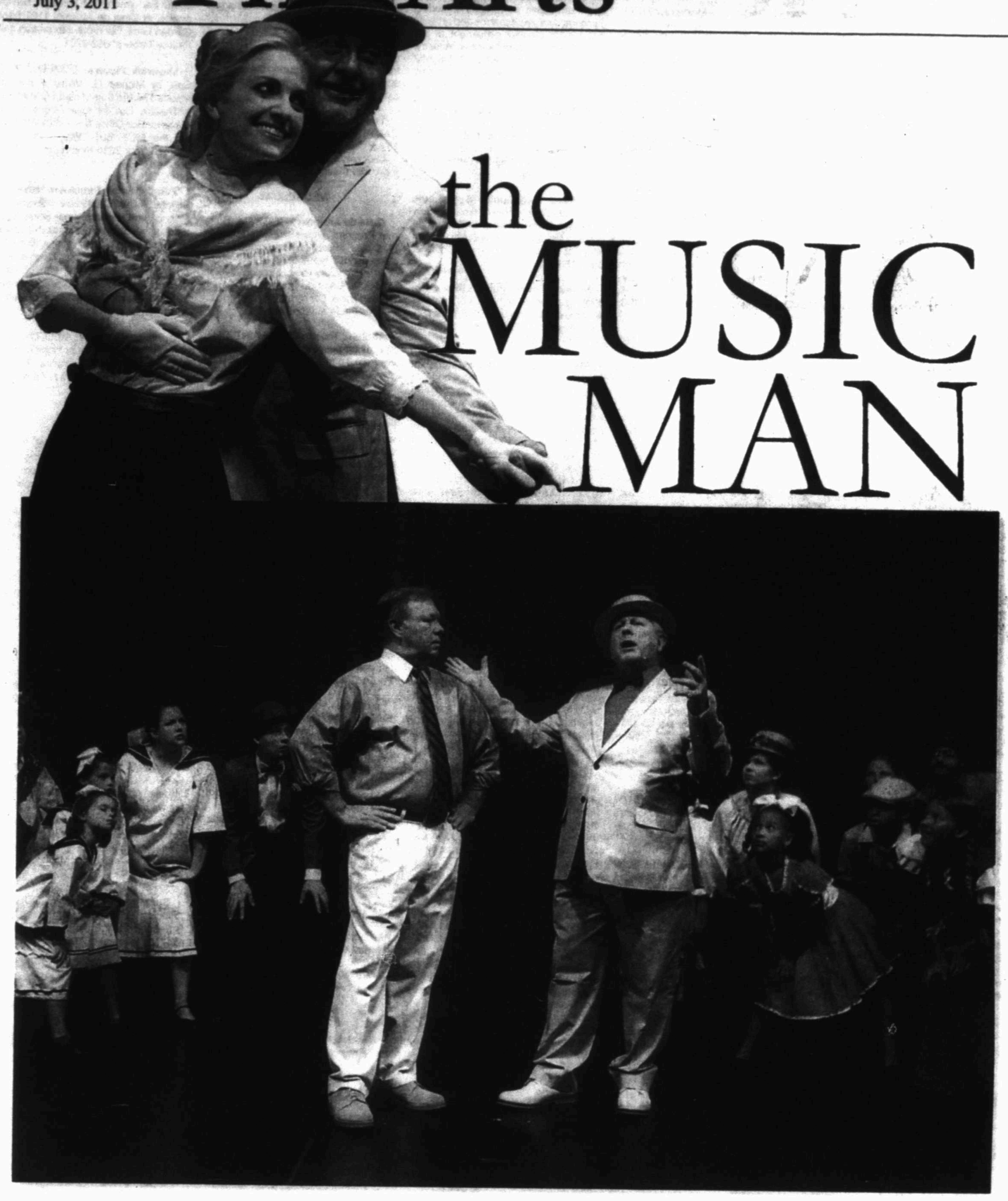
BP, in its annual statistical review published June 8, said China surpassed the U.S. for the first time as the world's largest energy consumer in 2010.

Hefty jump in energy use

Global energy use last year jumped 5.6 percent, the highest increase since 1973, as economies rebounded after the recession and developing nations resumed sharp growth, the company said.

Last year, oil consumption grew 3.1 percent, the most since 2004; natural gas grew 7.4 percent, the largest gain by volume on record; and coal usage rose 5.2 percent, its biggest single-year jump in 31 years.

Renewables such as wind, solar and biofuels also posted gains, while hydroelectric power saw its biggest increase ever, BP said.



the MUSIC MAN

Musical to take Permian Playhouse stage

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

ODESSA — All Marian Paroo wants in her "White Knight" "is a modest man, a quiet man, a gentle man, a straightforward and honest man." Instead, she gets con man, Professor Harold Hill, who poses as a boys' band organizer and leader and sells band instruments and uniforms to naive townsfolk before skipping town with the cash. Or at least that's his plan in the popular musical "The Music Man," opening Friday at the Permian Playhouse.

"Harold Hill puts on a front, but you can also see his good heart," said Jenness Rouse, who plays Marian, the River City, Iowa, prim librarian and piano teacher. "Marian is very protective, but you also see her warmer side."

Dale Jenkins agreed with the assessment of his character, Professor Harold Hill.

"He puts on a big facade, but underneath it all he has a heart," said Jenkins, who has been a fan of this musical since he was a child. "The movie came out in 1962, and I was a small child, and I absolutely fell in love with it. I thought Robert Preston was the greatest thing I had ever seen."

Preston played Hill in the original cast that premiered the musical on Broadway in 1957. The show became a hit, winning five Tony Awards, including best musical and running for 1,375 performances. The cast album won the first Grammy Award for "Best Original Cast Album." Based on a story by Willson and Franklin Lacey, the book, music and lyrics are by Meredith Willson, who was inspired by his boyhood in Mason City, Iowa. He began developing the theme in his 1948 memoir, "And There I Stood With My Piccolo."

"I just think it's kind of the all-American musical," said D'Alice Belanger, who plays the mayor's wife, Eulalie MacKecknie Shinn. "It's set in Midwestern America around the Fourth of July, and even though it's not really patriotic, it has that patriotic feel with the townspeople and the Fourth of July and the band. It's an American classic. Kids of all ages from 2 to 92 can come and enjoy it."

In the beginning, Marian has no illusions about Harold. Later, when he helps her younger brother overcome his fear of social interactions due to his lisp, she begins to fall for him, and he in turn for her. This unexpected affection forces Harold to reconsider his priorities.

"It's a story about dreams, and all of us have dreams," said Dan Spencer, who plays Marcellus, a friend of Harold's who has gone legitimate. "To make our dreams happen, it takes work. It takes a plan and it takes the word that we don't like — change. We have to change to make our dreams come true. They don't just happen.

"And that's what happens in the play. You have your main characters

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Ewart Dunlop (Rogers Tilley), left in photo above, listens as Professor Hill (Dale Jenkins) tries to convince him the new pool hall will cause trouble in the city. AT TOP Marian (Jenness Rouse) warms up to Professor Hill during this scene from "The Music Man" at the Permian Playhouse. BELOW LEFT Professor Hill, left, tells Marcellus (Dan Spencer) why he goes for a woman with experience, Thursday during rehearsals for "The Music Man." BELOW RIGHT Mayor Shinn (David Mossbarger) reacts to the summer weather while out with his family, Thursday during a scene from play.

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Arts Council of Midland: Midland's non-profit arts council and umbrella organization for performing and visual arts organizations, 401 W. Texas Ave., Suite 508, 687-1149. EXHIBIT: Art in the Park, four selected sculptures: "Rolling Keel" by Kurt Dyrhaug of Beaumont, "Higher Reaching" by John Frost of Irving, "Mata Hambre" by Tommy Gregory of San Antonio, and "Untitled" by Kyle Olson of Seguin. Windlands Park, 1001 West Dengar, during park hours. Free.

Basin PBS: MASTERPIECE MYSTERY!: "Hallowe'en Party" Poirot and Oliver investigate the drowning death of a girl at a Halloween Party who had claimed to have witnessed a murder years earlier. 8 p.m. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Ellen Noël Art Museum: EXHIBIT: Inside Information: "Works on Paper by Warren Taylor," through July 10. EXHIBIT: Sculpture by Steve Teeters, through July 10. EXHIBIT: "Form and Substance: The Art of George Tobolowsky, through September 11. Regular museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 4909 East University, Odessa, 432-550-9696 or noelartmuseum.org.

George W. Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Come tour this unique landmark which was home to two Presidents, two Governors, and a First Lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home, this home is truly a unique landmark in the history of Midland and of the country. You'll see a 1950s restoration with period furnishings, learn a little more about Midland in the 1950s and a great deal more about the Bush family and their impact on Midland and the country. You can also visit our gift shop for interesting souvenirs, Christmas ornaments, gifts, 1950s toys, books, clothing, patriotic items and much more. 1412 West Ohio, 685-1112. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged.

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Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 North Weatherford. 682-5447. Open by appointment.

The Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Exquisite Miniatures by Wes and Rachelle Siegrist, through August 28. Turner-Thomas Gallery. EXHIBIT: Sheldon Harvey: Paintings and 3D carvings, through August 21. Here and Now Gallery. EXHIBIT: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection on view all year, Hogan Gallery. EXHIBIT: The Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures. 1705 West Missouri, 683-2882. Gallery Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. No cost.

Odessa College LRC: 201 West University. Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: EXHIBIT: Featuring artist, Mery Godigan Collet. See her series of work, "Extra Virgin Petrus Oil" as she explores the origins of materials with the combination of natural fibers and petroleum-based paints, through September. Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged.

Scarborough-Linebery House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Sibley Nature Center: Center for learning about the flora, fauna, and natural and human history of the Southern Llano Estacado, 1307 East Wadley. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Volunteers keep the center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 684-6827 for information on art and photography classes.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery: EXHIBIT: BA/BFA Art Exhibition 2011: an exhibit of recent graduates from UTPB's NASAD accredited art program, through July 10. 4901 East University, Odessa. Regular hours are Monday- Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 2-5 p.m. Call 432-552-2806. Free and open to the public.

White-Pool House Museum: National Register of Historical Places. Texas Historical Landmark. Texas Archaeological Landmark. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free.

MONDAY

Basin PBS: A CAPITOL FOURTH 2011: A celebration in honor of America's 235th birthday. 8 p.m. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Casa de Amigos: PROGRAM: "Summer Program" where children learn art principles, styles, and techniques while using various types of art media 12:30-5 p.m. for youth first through twelfth grades, at Casa de Amigos, 1101 East Garden Lane. For more information call Paul or Tracie at 682-9701.

The Globe Theatre: PRODUCTION: "Happy Birthday USA!" a patriotic salute to America! The story of our country told with humor and pride through action and song. 2:30 p.m., The Globe Theatre 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa, call 432-332-1586 or 432-580-3177.

The Haley Library and History Center: Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest and the cattle industry, 1805 West Indiana. 682-5785. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Works of Don McSparran, artist for the month of July. Community National Bank lobby, 401 West Texas. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

Midland Community Symphonic Band: MEETING: Weekly meeting. New members always welcome. 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. For more information call Chuck at 694-7153.

Midland County Public Library: Circulating art prints: hundreds of art prints are available for circulation. 301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call Diana at 688-4334.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: An exhibit honoring World War II veterans is now in place, in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 West Missouri. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2-5 p.m. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland Palette Club: EXHIBIT: Works of Susan May, artist for the month of July, Chase Bank lobby, 2301 West Wall. Monday-Friday, banking hours.

TUESDAY

Blakemore Planetarium: Permanent exhibits are open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with admission charged. Closed Sunday and Monday. A Sky Show is playing every Tuesday through Friday at 4:15 p.m. and Friday evenings at 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. with two shows on Saturdays at 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. with admission charged. 1705 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call 683-2882.

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Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: Torn From Home: My Life as a Refugee, Today, more than 30 million people around the world have been displaced due to war and violence, making nearly 10 million children refugees. Through this inspiring, hands-on journey, visitors of all ages can explore what it means to be a refugee, and better understand their hardships and hope for a brighter future, on display through September 12. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 West Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged to non-members.

Midland Palette Club: PAINT TIME: Join us for painting time each Tuesday from 9 a.m.-12 noon during the summer. 907 West Wadley. For more information call 352-8297.

The Petroleum Museum: MOVIE CAMP: "Tangled" for 6 years old and up. $3 per child. Free popcorn and lemonade. 1-3:30 p.m. 1500 Interstate 20 West. For more information call 432-683-4403.

WEDNESDAY

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Midland Palette Club: PAINT TIME: Join us for painting time each Wednesday from 9 a.m.-12 noon during the summer. 907 West Wadley. For more information call 432-352-8297.

Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 1118 Maple, Odessa, 432-335-9918. Free.

THURSDAY

Basin PBS: PIONEERS OF TELEVISION: Trailblazers of the small screen are highlighted. 9 p.m. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

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Midland Palette Club: WORKSHOPS: Fritzi Heron teaches watercolors and drawing from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. every Thursday during the month of July. 907 West Wadley. For more information call 352-8297. Fee charged.

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Midland County Library: CLASS: Comic Illustration Class: For anyone who has picked up a pencil and wanted to learn to draw comics. For ages 14 and up. 6:30 p.m. Midland County Public Library, 301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call Diana at 688-4334.

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Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: SUMMER DAY CAMP: CSI: Chemistry, Science and Investigations- Solve mysteries using chemistry! Crack the cases using fingerprints, handwritings, lip prints, and even teeth impressions! Open to children entering the fourth, fifth or sixth grade. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. 1500 Interstate 20 West. For more information call 683-4403. Registration and fee required.

Summer Mummers: MELODRAMA: "Ribaldry at the Rodeo or Hoping for an 8 Second Ride" 8 p.m., Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado, 570-4111. Admission charged.

SATURDAY

Basin PBS: LAWERENCE WELK: Songs include "Hawaiian Wedding Song" and "Pearly Shells". 6 p.m. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: AUSTIN CITY LIMITS: "The List" and Brandi Carlile. 10 p.m. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: WOODSONGS: Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, a bluegrass group. 11 p.m. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

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Midland County Public Library: COOLMOVIES@YOURLIBRARY: "Megamind"(PG) It may be hot outside, but we have cool movies. Bring a Brown Bag Lunch! Bring a Blanket to sit on! Popcorn will be provided. 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. Downtown Library, 301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call 688-4323. Free!

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Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all known arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 432-687-1149, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, TX 79702; or email lorri@artsassemblyofmidland.org.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"SAY AGAIN?" By SAMUEL A. DONALDSON

ACROSS

1 Woodcutter who knew the magic words
8 Wide divide
13 Tribal magicians
20 European tramvirate
21 Variety show
22 Catches the show
23 Understudy's crime?
25 Steamy stuff
26 Israeli weapons
27 With 116-Down "Bed-in for Peace" co-organizer
28 Make amends
30 Be a disincentive to
31 Eager, in dialect
33 Short ovation?
36 Sound on Old MacDonald's farm
37 Responses to the obvious
39 Office orders
40 ___ Shore
42 The Joker portrayer
45 Spot for "Spot"
47 Concordes
Abbr.
48 Triumphant shout
49 Instrument with colored bands?
55 Seafaring salutations
59 Some tablets
60 Official declaration
61 "The Gates of Hell" sculptor
62 Goes deteriorates
63 Like some advanced research, briefly
65 Cues from a stage coach
66 "Trust me"
67 Epps of "House"
68 Compliment on a skillful asphalt job?
72 Mother of the Valkyries
73 Short summaries
75 Garfield's creator
76 Clue room
78 Shinto temple gateway
79 Enter, as data
80 Start a rally
82 Ballpoint brand
83 Fishhook-to-line connection
84 Anesthetist's error?
86 A.L. West team, on scoreboards
87 Vow
89 "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band
90 Still in the outbox
92 André's love
95 10% donation
99 One might go around on the patio
100 "New! Pans bridge
101 Fight among forest females?
105 Mitigates
109 Rubber tree yield
111 Astound
112 Tug
114 Kennel sound
115 Got one's money's worth at the buffet
117 Clean
kielbasa?
120 Pottery casserole dish
121 "You're ___ talk!"
122 Unpredictable
123 Therapy time
124 Exorcist's foe
125 Old West gang

DOWN

1 "It was over so fast" words
2 TV host Gibbons
3 "___ bombs bursting
4 Like some comforting manners
5 Mont Blanc, e.g.
6 ___ à
7 Geometry class list
8 Serenade perhaps
9 Fox's prey
10 Pilot
11 Naturally brewed beverage
12 A lot of resistance
13 "The Feast of Saint Nicholas" painter
14 Judah Ben-
15 Give to okay
16 Telescope?
17 Currently
18 Like a noted creed
19 Crotchety
24 Go downhill fast?
29 "If I Ruled the World" rapper
32 Helped get healthy
34 Impulse
35 Short spinners?
38 Ballpark staples
41 Virginie-Occidentale et al.
42 Close connections
43 "You can't be serious!"
44 Blowout or the court
45 First O. say
46 Fitting
47 No. under the year on many tax forms
50 Diamond wearer in "Copacabana"
51 With accuracy or distance: a golf stat
52 Fox forensic drama
53 City SSE of Santa a
54 Spanish ayes
56 In working order
57 "Rocky" catchphrase
58 Future adoptee, perhaps
64 Jeans feature after a barbed wire encounter?
65 "Deathtrap" playwright
66 "You win"
69 Baltic Sea feeder
70 "The Banana Boat Song" opening
71 Workers' rights agcy.
74 Rice preparation
77 Longtime collaborator with Elton
79 Uhl unit
80 You might do it after hiring a lawyer
81 Marxism extremes?
85 "Wrong, comrade"
88 Three times daily, on an Rx
91 Spends the night in
92 Evidence of egg toss errors
93 Just right
94 Goes on stage
95 Business card no.
96 14-legged crustacean
97 "The First Billion is the Hardest" author Pickens
98 Cotton Club site
99 Had a hunch
102 Regulars
103 "Sounder" Oscar nominee
104 -di-dah
106 Defense gp. formed in Manila
107 Classic watch
108 See-thru wear?
110 Super Bowl at which Tom Petty performed
113 Two-season "American Idol" judge DiGuardi
116 See 27-Across
118 1989 World Champion figure skater
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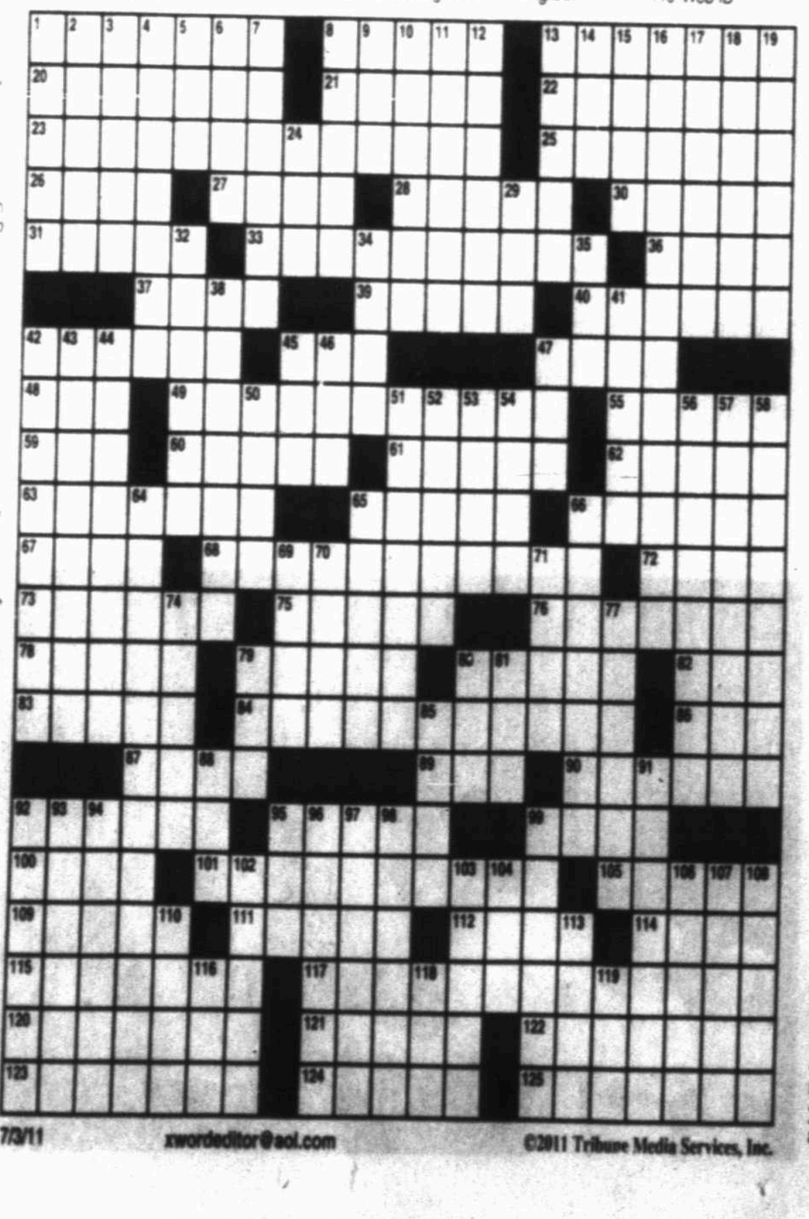

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

The Count Tells a Tale

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 8 4
♥ A K 6 2
♦ K 7 5
♣ 10 7 2

WEST
♠ K Q J 6 5 2
♥ J 5
♦ 9 6
♣ J 5 3

EAST
♠ 3
♥ 10 9 3
♦ Q J 4 3 2
♣ A 9 8 6

SOUTH
♠ A 9 7
♥ Q 8 7 4
♦ A 10 8
♣ K Q 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2	Pass	4	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ♠

"An amusing hand," remarked the kibitzer. "Unless spades break 6-1, the contract probably cannot be made!" This is the hand in question, with one of the world's great players in the South seat.

North's decision to check for a heart fit is unusual — normally you would raise to three no-trump with a hand that contains no ruffing value but the strength for game. That would be the winning action here since nine tricks present no problem as the cards lie with the ace of clubs favorably placed.

Declarer won the opening spade lead with the ace, crossed to the king of hearts and led a club, inserting the king when East followed low. When that held, the queen and ace of hearts were cashed, West discarding a spade, and another club was led, East rose with the ace and exited with a club to South's queen.

By now declarer had an almost complete count of the hand. East's failure to return a spade made it certain that he had started with a singleton in the suit, and that West had started with six spades and had followed to three clubs and two hearts, accounting for 11 of his cards. That left room for at most two diamonds in the West hand.

Declarer now finished matters off by cashing the ace and king of diamonds before exiting with a spade. West could bank two tricks in the suit, but then was forced to give declarer a ruff-sluff, and the diamond loser went the way of all flesh! Declarer lost only three tricks in the black suits.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, July 3, 2011:
This year, you have an opportunity to make choices that reflect more of your essence. In the process, you could lose your sense of how much to spend and what is too much. Be careful. At times you will withdraw when angry or hurt. Give yourself time to work through issues. You are better off not holding your feelings in. LEO helps you spend your money.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You are strong-willed and direct. Many people respond to that energy and enjoy mobilizing it, even for socializing. Tonight: Act like it is Friday night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Happiness surrounds your home and family. Get together with friends and choose to be the host or hostess. In this convivial atmosphere, you flourish. Tonight: At home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Keep communication active. You could be more pushy than you realize. Understand what is going on with a child or friend. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ How you handle spending could make or break your budget for a while. You are in the mood to indulge others as well as yourself. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You beam, and others respond. A get-together could be more fun than you originally thought. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Take in information and listen to others. You might want to ask a question or two to get greater clarity. Tonight: Do for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Join friends to relax and let go of a negative feeling. News might make you smile. Tonight: Reach out for another person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Take a strong stand. Be there for someone in need. A partner could act up if feeling jealous. Tonight: Could be late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Recognize when you need to let go and allow a partner to be more dominant. You cannot control others. Tonight: How about an intimate dinner?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Do your best to empathize with a close friend or loved one. It isn't always easy for you to let go and walk in another person's shoes. Tonight: Allow another person to treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Look to accomplishment and getting a project completed. Do make time for a child or loved one. Tonight: Start thinking about tomorrow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your imagination infuses many of your interactions with humor and perspective. However, you cannot always share everything you think, even today. Tonight: Ever playful.

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BORN TODAY
Actor Tom Cruise (1962), author Franz Kafka (1883), columnist Dorothy Kilgallen (1913)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin July 3-9

TODAY

Comedy

International finance and bowling cross lanes in Michael G. Wilmot's "7-10 Split," on stage at 2 p.m. today at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Presented by the Maverick Players, the comedy unfolds in the mobile home of a legendary bowler, Earl, and his protective and long suffering wife, Brenda.

"He has a tendency to fall for every get-rich-quick scheme there is out there," said Liz Koeninger, who is directing the production. "His latest adventure is with an Internet scam, and he has sent Crown Prince Gustav, who is the Internet scam artist, a bad check for $10,000. And Crown Prince Gustav comes to collect."

Cast members are Gene Houk, Erica Reagan, Gary Simmons and Joe Thomason.

Production dates and times are 8 p.m. July 7, 8 and 9 and 2 p.m. July 3 and 10. Tickets are $8 for the matinee and Thursday night's performance and $12 for Friday and Saturday.

For reservations, call the Maverick reservation line, 522-5225. The Maverick Players will honor the 2010 membership. Please do not call the Midland Community Theatre box office.

Outdoor concerts

Summer at the Museum of the Southwest finds the front lawn dotted with blankets and lawn chairs as families gather Sunday evenings to hear different groups perform. This summer's lineup for the 24th season of the Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts includes some new acts and others who have performed in this venue before.

This summer's season features: July 10, Weatherstone (Classic rock 'n' roll), sponsored by Midland Pediatrics Associates & KBAT 99.1; July 17, Barlow Bros. & Friends (Texas Swing), sponsored by Corey Sly Electrical Service & Lonestar 92; July 24, Brown Sneakers (R&B), sponsored by Karmen & Billy Bryant, Bob 95.1 & 97 Gold; July 31 Jazz Bird (smooth jazz), sponsored by Syntergy Systems & Lite Rock 98; and Aug. 7, The Shades (rock 'n' roll), sponsored by House of Printing & 97 Gold.

There is no concert July 3.

The performances are from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. at 1705 W. Missouri Ave. No admission is charged. Those attending are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs. The hot-dog man will be at every concert.

There will be no concert in the event of rain. The concerts are underwritten by the Midland Reporter-Telegram and CBS 7 with support from 97 Gold, KMKM-FM, Kicks 99.1, 95.1 BOB FM, KODM 98 and KBAT 99.9.

Monday: Fourth of July

Children's Parade

Red, white and blue streamers, balloons and flags will adorn bicycles, tricycles and wagons when the 49th annual Children's Sidewalk Parade gets under way Monday, July 4, at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

"All children are invited to participate in this parade," said organizer Gayle Dodson. "They may ride sidewalk vehicles, such as wagons, tricycles, bicycles, strollers and Big Wheels."

Sponsored by the Colonel Theunis Dey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, registration begins at 9 a.m. in the museum's parking lot west of the main building at the corner of K. Street and Indiana Avenue. Registration is free.

A short patriotic program will follow the parade. The Rev. Tim Walker of First United Methodist Church will give the prayer. Erika Vargas will sing the national anthem.

Red, white and blue ribbons and a small American flag will be given to each participant.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. For more information, call Dodson, 682-3376.

Musical, festival

ODESSA — The history of the United States in musical vignettes is on stage at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, in "Happy Birthday USA."

"This is our eighth year," said Anthony Ridley, executive director of the Globe. "Our tag line is, 'It's familiar but ever-changing' because it does slightly change depending upon who we have to do the show. We tweak it a little bit each year so it's not always exactly the same. Essentially, it's the story of the United States told through songs and stories.

"So we start with 1492 — 'Columbus sailed the ocean blue' — go to the Pilgrims, then we trace the discontent with Britain that led to the Revolution and then we go into the War of 1812. It's a broad sketch of the history of our country. There are a lot of things we leave out. But we sort of look at patriotic songs through history, and most of those are attached to wars."

The show is also on stage at 2:30 p.m. Monday. Tickets are $15 adults, $13 students and seniors, $10 for groups of 15 or more, $7 for children under 12. For reservations, call 580-3177 or 432-332-1586 or go to www.globesw.org.

"Happy Birthday USA!" is timed with Main Street Odessa's Firecracker Fandango Family Festival, set for Monday from 6 p.m. to midnight downtown at Fifth and Lee Street, and the Jaycees' Independence Day Parade that begins at 10 a.m.Monday at Odessa College.

Tickets to the family festival are $10 and $7 discount tickets available in advance at all Rosa's Cafes in Midland and Odessa. Children 7 and under free with adult. Aaron Watson and the Texas Tornados are scheduled to perform.

TUESDAY

Summer program

Casa de Amigos is offering a summer program where students learn art principles, styles and techniques while using various types of art media.

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For more information, call Paul or Tracie at 682-9701.

Movie

The Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West, is showing "Tangled" for children 6 years old and up from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. The showing is part of the museum's Movie Camp.

Cost is $3 per child. Free popcorn and lemonade are included in the admission. For more information call 683-4403.

WEDNESDAY

Summer camp

Wednesday is the last day to sign up for the Petroleum Museum's Camp 4, "Let's Talk."

The camp will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 15 and features sign language, tin can phones, semaphore, Morse Code, Braille, animal talk and Pig Latin. The class is designed for children entering the fourth, fifth or sixth grade. Cost is $20 for museum members and $25 for non-members.

The final two camps are set for Aug. 5 and Aug. 12. For more information, call the museum, 683-4403.

THURSDAY

Meeting

The West Texas Iris Society will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 7, at the Community & Senior Services Center, 3301 Sinclair.

Plans for the meeting include preparing for the Aug. 20 iris sale and a presentation on how to properly dig, divide and clean iris. Iris are listed as a xeriscape garden plant, tolerant of drought conditions during the summer and beautiful in the spring.

For more information on the West Texas Iris Society, call 697-0557.

FRIDAY

Melodrama

The 63rd season of Summer Mummers is on stage at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St., downtown.

This year's production is "Ribaldry at the Rodeo" or "Hoping for an 8 Second Ride" by David and Jennifer Odom. The annual event is a fund raiser for Midland Community Theatre.

Tickets, priced at $20 for the pit, $15 for the balcony (no popcorn is allowed to be thrown from the balcony), may be purchased at www.summermummers.com or by calling the MCT box office, 570-4111, Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There is an additional service fee for all non-member ticket purchases.

Performance dates are every Friday and Saturday through Sept. 3. Curtain is at 8 p.m.

Outdoor concerts

ODESSA — The Hot Summer Nights Series continues July 8 with the Quebe Sisters Band at Noel Heritage Plaza Park, 5th and Lincoln, downtown.

The weekly concert run from 8 to 10 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Those attending are asked to bring their own seating. Concessions are available during the performances. Those attending are encouraged to dance. There is no concert July 1.

Remaining concerts are The Shades, July 15; Eddie Irving and the Classic Swing Band, July 22; E-Flat Porch Band, July 29; and Andean Style, Aug. 5.

The series is sponsored by Main Street Odessa and the Odessa Council for the Arts & Humanities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Art Camp

ODESSA — Summer Art Camp incorporates art appreciation, art history and a studio art experience in two classes per day at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd.

Classes begin at 9:15 a.m. and go through noon (excluding the teen class), Monday through Friday for the weeks specified below. There will be a 15-minute supervised break between classes and students may bring a snack from home.

Classes include: July 11-15, elementary classes for ages 6-12, $80, painting, art to wear and fashion design; July 18-22, art for students with visual challenges, ages 6-8, 9-12 and 13-17, $80, multi-sensory art; and July 18-22, teen class for ages 13-17, art to wear, $50.

Registration may be mailed or made in person. Advance registration is required. Class size is limited and classes fill up quickly. A limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need through the Neely Hunter Palmer Scholarship Fund and the Noël Memorial Fund given by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rodman.

Summer Art Camp is sponsored in part by Texas Commission on the Arts, Bank of America, The Rea Charitable Trust, J.C. Ferguson Foundation, Union Pacific, Abell-Hanger Foundation and Wayne and Jo Ann Moore Charitable Foundation.

For more information, call 550-9696 ext. 10.

Music summer camps

ODESSA — UTPB's Music Program is offering a selection of short music camps on campus for young musicians going into grades 9 through 12 to help them improve their performance in area competitions next year.

July 11-15 is Woodwinds Week with a chamber music focus. These students will study with professional performers, the West Texas Winds of the Midland Odessa Symphony & Chorale. Technique and small group instruction will be emphasized. In addition to a live performance by this quintet, students will perform for their parents and friends in a concert on the last day.

July 18-22 is Strings Week, also with a chamber music focus. The Permian Basin String Quartet will help these young orchestra members improve their technique within small groups. They will be treated to three live performances and will give a concert on the last day for their parents and friends.

Each of these camps costs $285 and lunch is provided.

Aug. 1-3 is All-Region Voice Camp. This camp will provide choir students a head start to learning the music for the All-Region contests. Music and lunch are NOT included in this three-day camp which costs $75.

For more information about the summer music camps, call Yvonne Drinkard at 432-552-3286 or e-mail her at drinkard_y@utpb.edu or music@utpb.edu.

Open Mic

An open mic event is planned for 2 p.m. July 16 at the Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave., and from 7 to 11 p.m. the same day at the Ground Floor, 203 W. Wall St.

Open mic events feature poets sharing their work or their favorite works. For more information, call 683-4433.

Barney Live

Barney comes to Odessa for a "Birthday Bash" at 3 and 6:30 p.m. July 21 at the Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Hwy.

Tickets are $15 and $20. A limited number of $30 Gold Circle Seats and $55 Dino Seats are also available. Additional fees and discounts may apply.

Special $55 Dino Seat packages are available at all shows. Dino Seats feature front row seats and a pre-show Meet & Greet with Barney.

For more information, or to charge tickets by phone, call Central Ticket Office at 800-462-7979. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.centralticketoffice.com. For information online, visit www.barneylivetour.com. Like Barney Live in Concert on Facebook.

Art classes

Sara Drescher Braswell is teaching art classes for children at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., in late July and early August.

The classes are July 26-29 for ages 5-7 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Aug. 2-5 for ages 8-12 also from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost per session is $45. Class size is 12 students.

For more information, call the museum. 683-2882, and ask for the Children's Museum or email sara@sdb-gallery.com.

Blues Fest workshops

MC will partner with Tall City Blues Fest, a weekend music festival, to offer educational workshops and seminars as part of the July 29-31 weekend festival's offerings in Centennial Park in downtown Midland.

Pre-registration for festival workshops is being offered through Midland College's Community Programs Continuing Education Department, and all proceeds from workshop enrollment will benefit MC.

The festival will include artists' booths, a variety of food and drink booths, a business galley, non-profit showcase, shrimp and crawfish boil and barbecue cook off, along with some of the best blues performers around, said Grissom, adding that the Blues Fest will "Have something for everybody. It will be a family friendly festival."

Tickets may be purchased at Jack's Convenience Stores, Mazda of Midland, Affordable Leather and Eddie's Catfish. Weekend festival passes are $40 and allow for come and go entrance throughout the event. The community blues jam on July 31 is free.

All festival workshops will be held Saturday, July 30, at the Midland Center in downtown Midland. Fee for each workshop is $35, which includes a Weekend Festival Pass. To register for or obtain specific information about the workshops, visit the MC Web site at www.midland.edu (click on "For the Community" tab) or call 685-4518.

The list of performers at the Blues Fest on July 29 includes Bernie Pearl, Burt Herrin & The Global Warming Band, Andy Macintyre & The Primal Groove, Billy Hendrix Experiment, Woody Russell, Diddley Squat and Smokin' Joe Kubek with special guest Bnois King.

The list of performers for July 30 includes E-Flat Porch, Gasoline Alley, Jennifer 8 & The Grove Kings, Jeff Strahan, John Lisi & The Delta Funk, St. Blues Band, James Hinkle, James Boogaloo Bolden Blues Band and Eddie Turner.

For more information on Tall City Blues Fest go to www.tallcitybluesfest.com.

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who have their dreams, and they finally start taking steps to make their dreams come true. And I think that's what makes the musical so attractive and a beautiful story and why it has lasted so long. It's a theme that never dies."

ALL THE DETAILS:

"THE MUSIC MAN"

When: July 8-10, 15-17, 22-24. 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. on Sunday

Where: Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa

Tickets: $14. Students and seniors $12. Groups of 12 or more $10. Children under 12 $7.

Reservations: 432-362-2329

Cast: Professor Harold Hill, Dale Jenkins; Marian Paroo, Jenness Rouse; Marcellus, Dan Spencer; Tommie, Christian Poldrack; Zaneeta, Morgan Lane; Mayor Shinn, David Mossbarger; Mrs. Shinn, D'Alice Belanger; Winthrop, Brock Bizzell; Charlie, Travis Alderson; Amaryllis, Emily Hill; Gracie, Claire Hill; Mrs. Paroo, Faye Armstrong-Paap; Alma, Judi Salmon; Maud, Kelly Koepp; Mrs. Squires Ethel, Emily Baker; Ethel Toffelmeier ; Christine Steinbrenner; Salesman, Ivan Alvarado; Salesman, Jeremiah Leija; Salesman/ Quartet: Rogers "Scooter" Tilley, Billy Baker, Danny Anderson and Tom Laney; Conductor, Ceferino Montes; Chorus, Kaela Steinbrenner; Pickalittle, chorus, Christine Steinbrenner and Jacqulyn Perfetto; and chorus dancer, Caitlynn Williams.

Chorus: Suzanna Paap, Caleb Kirby, Ali Gonzales, Emilze Montanez, Kyla Herrera, Peyton Kidd, Hayden Kidd and Madison Norrid.

Director/crew: Bill Kersh, director; Amanda Lopez, choreographer; Lu Ann Lane, vocal director; Cole Thomas Carter, assistant vocal director; Chalace Burks, assistant director; Ezra Braswell, assistant stage manager; and Marvin LeMaster, stage manager.

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QUICKTAKES
Reviews of recent CDs

SELENA GOMEZ & THE SCENE
"When the Sun Goes Down"

Selena Gomez & the Scene, "When the Sun Goes Down" (Hollywood Records)

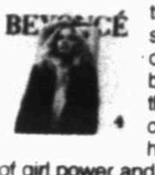
There comes a point when a Disney or Nickelodeon star tries to make the transition to official recording artist. This is Selena Gomez's moment.

Musically speaking, Gomez is no Miley Cyrus or Vanessa Hudgens — that's because she's better. She's got a decent voice and showcased it on last year's "A Year Without Rain," a pop ballad that still sounds good.

There's nothing as good as that on "When the Sun Goes Down," Gomez's third album with her band the Scene.

— Mesfin Fekadu
Associated Press

BEYONCE
"4"



"Run the World (Girls)," the first single from Beyonce's fourth solo album, "4," has all the hallmarks of a signature No. 1 Beyonce smash — a bombastic, larger-than-life sound, a call-and-response hook, a heavy dose of girl power and a fierce drumbeat.

Surprisingly, though, it landed with a thud on radio, and the buzz around "4" hasn't been encouraging.

It remains to be seen how "4" will do on the charts, but if fans pay attention to the music, then Beyonce should have no worries. If anything, "Run the World (Girls)" is the anomaly of the disc, which has few tracks geared for the clubs.

— Nekesa Mumbi Moody
Associated Press

JEFF THE BROTHERHOOD
"We Are the Champions"

JEFF the Brotherhood had a buzz-worthy gig at Bonnaroo, but unfortunately it overlapped with the set by headliners Arcade Fire.

No-matter. They'll soon be playing on a set of headphones near you regardless. Real brothers Jake and Jamin Orrall are Nashville's hottest non-country export at the moment. The former Be Your Own Pet members and sons of songwriter Robert Ellis Orrall, who produced Taylor Swift's self-titled debut, lay down a righteous slab of sludge mixed with poppy-punk moments sure to resonate this summer.

— Chris Talbott
Associated Press

VARIOUS ARTISTS
"Rave On"

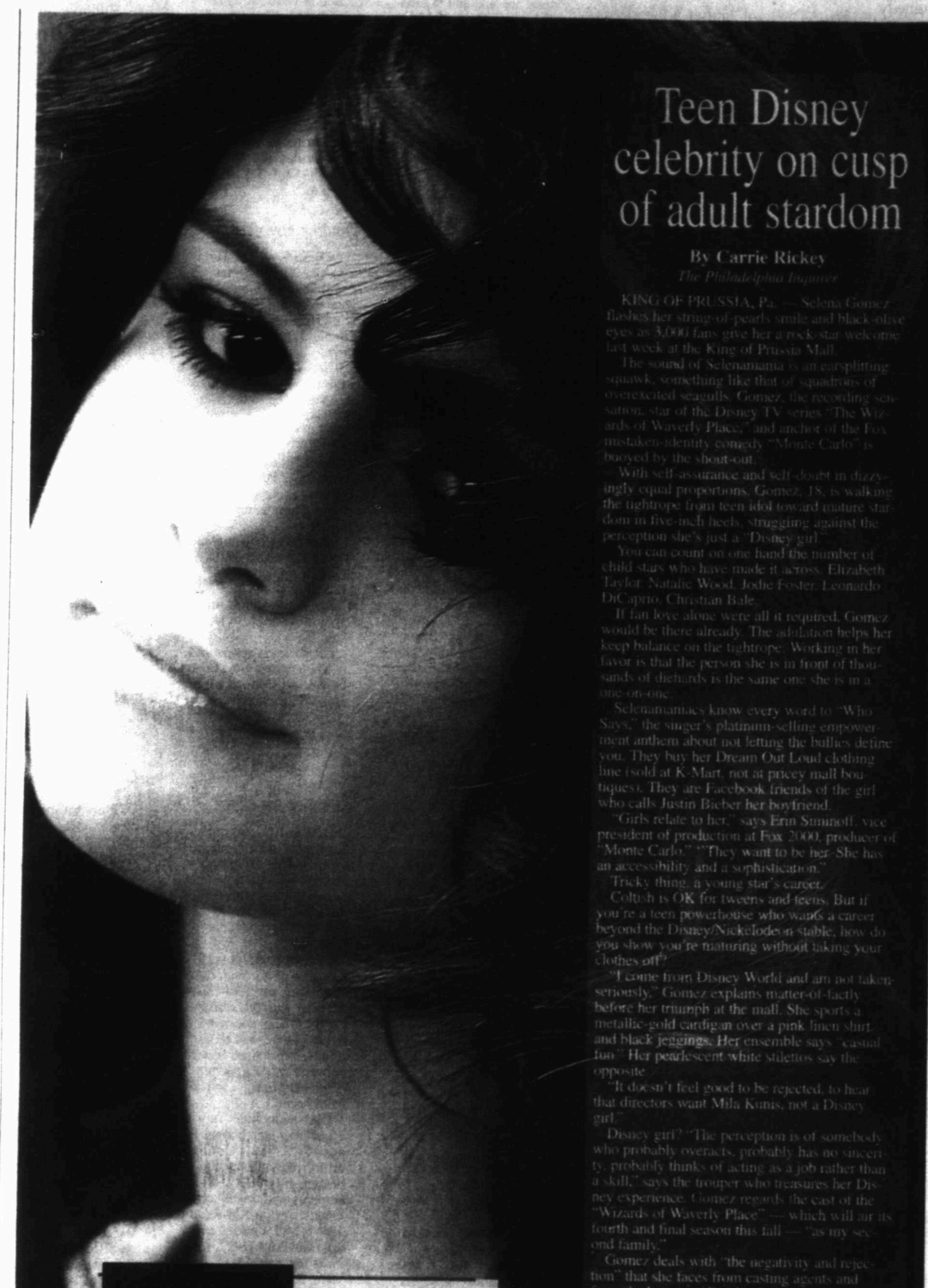
Paul McCartney may be getting a little long in the tooth, but he steals the show from younger artists on "Rave On," a new Buddy Holly tribute record.

Using a distorted vocal effect that makes him sound like a mixture between Steven Tyler and Howlin' Wolf, McCartney tears through "It's So Easy" with a fervor that singers half his age would have a hard time duplicating.

Others on the record may stick closer to the original classic Holly songs, but they all bring to them something new that makes the tunes live and breathe again 50 years after they were written.

Fiona Apple and Jon Brion turn in a charming "Everyday," while the female-led vocal from She & Him put "Oh Boy" in a whole new light.

— Scott Bauer
Associated Press



Teen Disney celebrity on cusp of adult stardom

By Carrie Rickey
The Philadelphia Inquirer

KING OF PRUSSIA, Pa. — Selena Gomez flashes her string-of-pearls smile and black-olive eyes as 3,000 fans give her a rock-star welcome last week at the King of Prussia Mall.

The sound of Selenamania is an earsplitting squawk, something like that of squadrons of overexcited seagulls. Gomez, the recording sensation, star of the Disney TV series "The Wizards of Waverly Place," and anchor of the Fox mistaken-identity comedy "Monte Carlo" is buoyed by the shout-out.

With self-assurance and self-doubt in dizzyingly equal proportions, Gomez, 18, is walking the tightrope from teen idol toward mature stardom in five-inch heels, struggling against the perception she's just a "Disney girl."

You can count on one hand the number of child stars who have made it across: Elizabeth Taylor, Natalie Wood, Jodie Foster, Leonardo DiCaprio, Christian Bale.

If fan love alone were all it required, Gomez would be there already. The adulation helps her keep balance on the tightrope. Working in her favor is that the person she is in front of thousands of diehards is the same one she is in a one-on-one.

Selenamaniacs know every word to "Who Says," the singer's platinum-selling empowerment anthem about not letting the bullies define you. They buy her Dream Out Loud clothing line (sold at K-Mart, not at pricey mall boutiques). They are Facebook friends of the girl who calls Justin Bieber her boyfriend.

"Girls relate to her," says Erin Stinnoff, vice president of production at Fox 2000, producer of "Monte Carlo." "They want to be her. She has an accessibility and a sophistication."

Tricky thing, a young star's career.

Coltish is OK for tweens and teens. But if you're a teen powerhouse who wants a career beyond the Disney/Nickelodeon stable, how do you show you're maturing without taking your clothes off?

"I come from Disney World and am not taken seriously," Gomez explains matter-of-factly before her triumph at the mall. She sports a metallic-gold cardigan over a pink linen shirt and black jeggings. Her ensemble says "casual fun." Her pearlescent white stilettos say the opposite.

"It doesn't feel good to be rejected, to hear that directors want Mila Kunis, not a Disney girl."

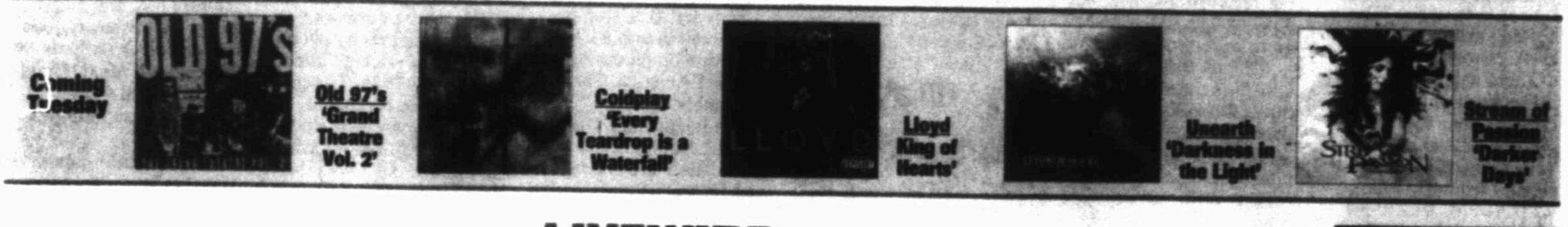
Disney girl? "The perception is of somebody who probably overacts, probably has no sincerity, probably thinks of acting as a job rather than a skill," says the trouper who treasures her Disney experience. Gomez regards the cast of the "Wizards of Waverly Place" — which will air its fourth and final season this fall — "as my second family."

Gomez deals with "the negativity and rejection" that she faces from casting agents and from the haters on Facebook the old-fashioned way — with affirmations.

She has a cracked-walnut voice, throaty and playful. She was named for Tejano singer Selena Quintanilla and grew up dancing to "Baila esta Cumbia." Those of a certain age remember Gomez as Gianna, the "amiga" on "Barney and Friends." Now, it can be told, she says: "That guy in the purple suit was really cute."

New CD

What: When the Sun Goes Down
Who: Selena Gomez and the Scene
Release Date: June 28
Label: Hollywood Records
List Price: $16.98



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July

4 **Not to Reason Why** @ Music City Mall
4 **Texas Tornados** @ Firecracker Fandango
6 **Keith Moody, Paul Aaron Hughes** @ Shack in the Back
8 **Tommy Pool** @ Cigar Frog's
8 **Shane Rogers Band** @ The Detour
8 **Rodney Carrington** @ Dos Amigos
8 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Flash's Cantina
8 **1100 Springs** @ Hog Pit
8 **Quebe Sisters Band** @ Hot Summer Nights
8-9 **GloveBox** @ The Bar
8-9 **Loudfinger** @ Hot Shots
8-10 **Blue Katz** @ Riley's
9 **Cleto Cordero** @ Cigar Frog's
9 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Fast Freddy's
10 **Weatherstone** @ Museum of the Southwest
13 **Vince Lujan Project** @ Shack in Back
13 **Cory Yeager** @ Zucchi's
14 **Jeremy Steding** @ Rockin' Rodeo
14 **Such is Life, We Are the Union, I Call Fives, The Story So Far** @ Pine Box
15 **Bobby Champion** @ The Detour
15 **The Restless Natives** @ Cigar Frog's
15 **The Shades** @ Hot Summer Nights
15 **Pat Green** @ Graham Central Station
15 Black Gold Rally featuring **Black Eye Shiner, Talkin' Stick**
15-16 **Reload** @ Riley's
15-16 **Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar
15-16 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Your Place
16 **Tommy Pool** @ Cigar Frog's
16 **Lorrie Morgan** @ W. Texas Horse Ctr.
16 Black Gold Rally featuring **GloveBox, the Barkin Spiders, VooDoo Blue**
17 **Justin Langston** @ Music City Mall
17 **Drowning Pool** @ Dos Amigos
17 **Barlow Brothers & Friends** @ Museum of the Southwest
19 **Curt Brewer, Kentucky Knife Fight, Whiskey Folk Rambler** @ Pine Box
20 **Brian Milson** @ Shack in the Back
20 **No Justice** @ Graham Central Station
21 **Mark McKinney** @ Rockin' Rodeo
22 **Cory Yeager** @ Zucchi's
22 **Monty Branham** @ The Detour
22 **Kyle Bennett** @ Graham Central Station
22 **Gary Gorence Band** @ Cigar Frog's
22 **Eddie Irving & The Classic Swing Band** @ Hot Summer Nights
22-23 **Black July** @ Your Place
23 **Jody Nix & The Texas Cowboys** @ Stardust
22-24 **The Shades** @ Flash's Cantina
22-24 **Tina Baker & 3 Lit Pigz** @ Riley's
23 **Jason Tarleton** @ Cigar Frog's
24 **Brown Sneakers** @ Museum of the Southwest

LUBBOCK

July

8 **Micky & The Motorcars** @ Blue Light
9 **Curtis Grimes** @ Cactus Courtyard
12 **A Loss for Words, Vanna** @ Jake's
14 **Scooter Brown** @ Depot District

NEW MEXICO

July

19 **Four Tops** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

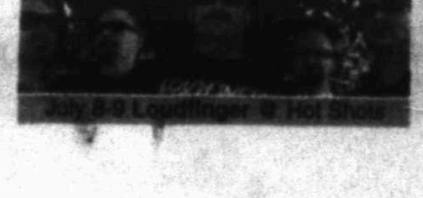
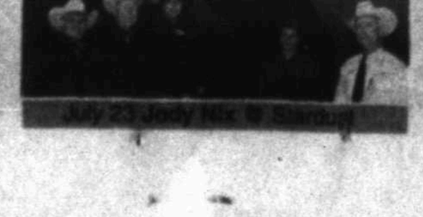
August

3 **Chicago** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods
14 **Merle Haggard** @ IOMG

DALLAS-FORT WORTH

July

8 **Rihanna, J. Cole** @ American Airlines Center
10 **The Blow** @ The Prophet Bar
12 **Britney Spears, Nicki Minaj, Jessie and the Toy Boys, Nervo** @ American Airlines Center

IN THE MIX

A list of this week's best-selling hip-hop mixtapes provided by King Underground located at 906 S. Garfield St.

DJ Storm — Drank Epidemic: I Don't Need No Host No. 18
Trae the Truth — Undisputed
Various artists — **Back to the Hustle 2**
Various artists — **Don't Mess With Texas Vol. 8 Tosin Video Mix DVD**
DJ Wis & Charlie Boy — Hustle Music 13